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The Last Obstacle To Clinton's Quest Brown, Flailing and Harsh, Hopes to Trip Front-Runner

By R. W. Apple Jr.

WASHINGTON — Former Governor Edmund G. (Jerry) Brown Jr. of California is flailing about, spewing out charges like sparks from a Fourth of July pinheel, in a last-ditch effort to establish himself as a credible alternative to Governor Bill Clinton of

The rest of them — the Wilders and Kerreys, the Harkins and Tsongases — are gone now. Just Bill Clinton and Jerry Brown are left, locked in a wildly tmequal struggle for the Democratic presidential nomination. Mr. Clinton has the delegates, the endorse-ments, the money and the television commercials. He even has the support of the desperate workers at Groton, Connecticut, who build the Seawoff submarine, soon to be suspended under President George Bush's military cutbacks.

What is left for Mr. Brown is somehow to undercut the reputa-tion that Mr. Clinton has built up as a candidate who can survive almost anything. In that effort, the Californian is willing to utter some pretty harsh words.

In little more than 48 hours, Mr. Brown accused Mr. Clinton of economic incompetence; called him "Slick Willy," which is what his adversaries have been calling him in private for weeks but refraining from calling him in public; said that if nominated he would "ruin the whole Democratic party;" accused him of promising a lot to blacks but delivering nothing and labeled him "the greatest bluffer to enter American politics in my life-

Mr. Brown is unlikely to desist. So after every vote has been counted from the primary election in Connecticut on Tuesday and the candidates head for the New York balloting on April 7, the Arkansas governor can expect more of the same: more bombardment from a challenger who has absolutely hang on and everything will be all nothing to lose and absolutely no - right? is a formula for a continuous for expectation of future favors to tem-

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City, from the homeless to AIDS to decaying housing Perhaps he will roll with those punches, as he has rolled with so many others. What is interesting, and highly disturbing for those Democrats who have already conceded the nomination to Mr. Chinton, is that the punches keep coming, from so many directions.

Why, for instance, having taken why, for instance, having taken so many zingers in the last two months, would a candidate, whose chances for nomination and for ultimate victory depend upon black voters, play golf at an all-white country club? Why would a man who as long ago as the Vietnam War, by his own testimony, was worried about his viability as a political candidate, fly on an airplane owned by a man whose company has a reputation for polluting rivers and streams in Arkansas?

Mr. Clinton rebuts each charge as it arises and presses on. His campaign aides are now talking about using the remaining big primaries, especially those in New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Ohio and California, to begin the process of persuading the "Reagan" Democrats" to come home.

President Bush lost New York in 1988, but he won the other four by varying margins — 100,000 in Pennsylvania, 300,000 in California, 500,000 in Ohio and New Jersey. Most Democratic strategists think all are winnable this fall, except perhaps New Jersey,

So he will campaign hard in all with one eye on their electoral votes in the fall, the other on Mr. Brown. Mr. Bush will be stumping hard for their support, too. But so far this year, he has done poorly among the Democrats and independents who backed him four years ago and made possible his successes in the big states, according to exit polls in the early primaries.

Mr. Bush's biggest problem is

that he makes the recession sound like something that happened on someone else's watch, not his, "Just presidency, many Republicans think, but they have pressed Mr. In addition, Mr. Clinton faces

Bush in vain so far to lay out a

two weeks of close scrutiny on the

grand vision of a second Bush ad-Bush in vain so far to lay out a urban issues that plague New York ministration.



ANOTHER BOMB FOUND IN BUENOS AIRES — Police bomb-squad members deactivating a timed charge that was designed to scatter leaflets in front of a Buenos Aires television station Tuesday. Several bomb threats have been received and small blasts set off detonated since a car bomb destroyed the Israeli Embassy in the Argentine capital on March 18, killing at least 28 people.

Roh Is Dealt a Setback in Korean Vote

By James Sterngold New York Times Service

SEOUL -A new conservative party made a surprisingly strong showing in bitterly con-tested National Assembly elections here on Tuesday, threatening the majority the gov-eming party of President Roh Tae Woo holds in the national legislature, according to pre-

The pattern of the voting was interpreted as a clear setback for the governing Democratic Liberal Party at a crucial moment. With a more important race — for the

country's presidency — scheduled for later this year, the voting showed that an opposi-tion candidate might be able to topple the governing party's nominee.

On a chilly, overcast day, about 70 percent of South Koreans turned out to vote in the first balloting for the National Assembly in

It was the lowest turnout in recent times, but the polling was conducted calmly, a new experience in this young democracy's often violent history.

Chung Ju Yung, the mercurial and strong-

willed founder of the huge Hyundai industri-al conglomerate, appears to have been one of the biggest winners.

Mr. Chung, 76, left Hyundai and formed a new conservative party just a few months ago, and ran on the theme that it was time for Koreans to put a stop to official corruption and government-mismanagement-of-the

He appears to have tapped a deep vein of

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PEACE PLAN — Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher of Germany, left, sharing a word with Deputy Secretary of State Lawrence S. Eagleburger at the opening Tuesday in Helsinki of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe. The group extracted an agreement from Azerbaijan and Armenia to let Nagorno-Karabakh residents be represented at peace talks. Page 2.

One Fatality in Amman Hotel Fire

AMMAN, Jordan (Combined Dispatches) - Fire broke out Tuesday night during a Ramadan banquet at the Jordan Intercontinental Hotel, killing a man who had taken an elevator, injuring at least 22 people and stranding guests on balconies for two hours or

The injured suffered smoke inhalation. Only 36 guests were staying at the multistory hotel, but dozens of others were attending staying at the multistory notes, but dozens of others were attending the banquet. Some guests burned candles from balconies on upper (AP, Reuters) floors to guide rescue workers.

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U.S. is accused of endangering Rio environmental talks. Page 5. John Major's major problem: He might be too nice for a tough

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In Gorbachev's View, He's Not Just History Eye on Future, He Assesses the Past

By Michael Dobbs and Robert G. Kaiser Washington Post Service

MOSCOW - Almost three months after he was forced out of office, Mikhail S. Gorbachev says that some of his most pessimistic predictions about the disintegration of the world's largest country are being realized.

In a wide-ranging interview, the last president of the Soviet Union criticized the Bush administration for suggesting that the United States had won the Cold War and could now preside over a onesuperpower world.

But he directed his harshest criticism at his successor, President Boris N. Yeltsin of the Russian Republic, and other leaders of the Commonwealth of Independent States. He accused the leaders of pursuing personal political ambitions while the economy of the former Communist superpower unravels. "I have turned out to be too much of a prophet, one whose

prophecies have begun to come true within a few weeks," he said. "The country is being torn apart, economic ties are being broken."

"They are even talking about dividing up the contents of the Hermitage and the Tretyakov," he said, referring to Russia's richest

"This is sheer madness," he said. "It reminds me of the atmo-sphere in an insane asylum. After all, politicians can be crazy, but society cannot be crazy.
"It can never reach such a point. It will right itself."

And Mr. Gorbachev promised to stay "in the political arena" himself to try to keep the remnants of his country on the right track. After handing over control of the Soviet nuclear codes to Mr. Yeltsin on Christmas Day, Mr. Gorbachev, 61, left Moscow for what he described as his first real family vacation in years.

He has gradually re-emerged into public view in the last few weeks, launching a Moscow political research group called the Gorbachev Foundation and enjoying a nostalgic bout of Gorbachev fan fever during a visit to Germany earlier this month.

The former president said he now spent much of his time running the foundation and working on a new volume of memoirs. But he also made clear that he still sees a substantial political role for himself in helping to ensure Russia's transition from totalitarianism

"I do not intend to leave the political stage, this is for sure," Mr. See GORBACHEV, Page 3

Nuclear Leak At Russian Plant Alarms Europe

But Moscow Says Risk Is Limited

By Margaret Shapiro

Washington Past Service
MOSCOW — A muclear power
plant outside St. Petersburg was shut down Tuesday after a serious leak of radiation, but Russian offi-cials said that the incident posed no significant threat to the environment or to the nearby population.
The officials said that radioac-

tive iodine had leaked overnight from one of four reactors in the town of Sosnovy Bor but that the only contamination risk was on the premises of the facility itself, which is known as the Leningrad plant.
Finland said it had detected a

slight increase in radiation levels in southern parts of the country.

(Page 3) Yuri Rogozhin, a spokesman for Russia's nuclear energy inspection agency, said that while the incident was "serious," it was in no way comparable to the 1986 disaster at the Chernobyl nuclear plant, which killed 31 people immediately and spewed radioactivity across Ukraine, Belarus and much of Europe, or to the 1979 nuclear accident at Three Mile Island in Penn-

Despite official reassurances, the incident at the facility, about 100 kilometers (60 miles) west of St. Petersburg on the Guil of Finland, rang alarm bells across Europe, where worries of another Chemobyl run high.

Many aged nuclear power plants, some of questionable safety, are still in operation in Eastern Europe and, especially, in the for-mer Soviet Union. Some experts have warned that a combination of design flaws, age and poor maintenance make another major disaster inevitable and have urged that many of the facilities be shut down,

Concerns are strongest over the reactors in the former Soviet Union because of the chaotic atmosphere following the dissolution of the country in which many things seem to be crumbling and unregulated. A Russian newspaper recently reported cutbacks in operating personnel at some nuclear plants.
There are 45 nuclear power facil-

ities in the territory of the former union, and 16 of them, including the Leningrad plant, are based on the Chernobyl model, according to the International Atomic Energy Agency in Vienna.

Foreign experts have said that safety standards have improved somewhat since the Chernobyl disaster but are still well below international levels.

While there have been no major nuclear accidents in the former union since Chernobyl, small incidents involving brief or temporary shutdowns are reported with some frequency. Chernobyl, for instance, was shut down briefly in October because of a fire. And the Lenin-

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A Disaster Waiting to Happen in East Bloc

By Tom Redburn International Herald Tribune
PARIS — The accident-

prone nuclear power plant near St. Petersburg that leaked radioactive gases on Tuesday is only one of dozens of Sovietbuilt reactors in Europe that analysts consider to be so dangerous that they should be either shut down or fixed as soon as possible.

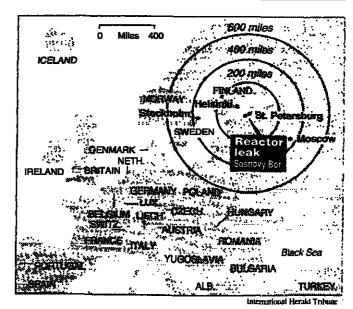
But the cost of upgrading the salvageable reactors to Western standards, together with the expense of replacing those beyond repair, is likely to exceed \$50 billion - much more than Russia and other countries in Eastern Europe can afford on their own. Moreover, the estimated cost is far above the comparatively modest programs the European Community and the United States have launched in an effort to reduce the threat at the most unsafe reactors.

Without a huge Western investment program, nuclear and environmental experts contend the nations within the old Soviet bloc face a choice between massive electricity shortages or the risk of another Chernobyl-type environmental catastrophe that could widely affect Western Europe as well.

There has been a lot of much-needed attention at the highest levels devoted to the risks posed by Soviet nuclear apons." said Eberhard von Koerber, executive vice president at ABB Asea Brown Boveri Ltd., the Swiss-Swedish industrial engineering company that has studied the issue.
"But the dangers to the West from their unsafe nuclear energy plants may be even great-

Throughout the old Soviet empire, there are currently 58 nuclear reactors with an output of 45,000 megawatts of electricity, or as much as the total generating capacity of Switzerland. Another 27 are under construction.

Of those in operation, 16 are the same type as the reactor that failed so disastrously at Chernobyl and the Sosnovy Bor unit that Russian authorities reported Tuesday had leaked a small amount of radiation. Most Western analysts say that, despite modifications by the Soviets, these power See DOZENS, Page 3



Wry End for U.K.'s Punch: 'We're All Fired, Oh Dear'

By Suzanne Cassidy

New York Times Service LONDON - Britain's dentists' offices will be the less cheery for the news: Punch, the country's oldest and best-known satincal magazine, is closing after 150 years.

The magazine, which carried articles by the likes of the humorist P. G. Wodehouse, William Makepeace Thackeray and A. A. Milne, and cartoons by the likes of the "Alice in Wonderland" illustrator Sir John Tenniel, will publish its final issue on April 8.

Graham Wilson, managing director of United Newspapers Group PLC, owners of the Daily Express and, since 1963, of Punch, said in an interview on Tuesday that the magazine had suffered losses of more than £1 million (\$1.7 million) last year as advertisers transferred to the burgeoning number of color supplements in weekend

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Does Barcelona Really Want Statue of a Sock, With a Hole?

By Alan Riding New York Times Service

BARCELONA — Widely acclaimed as Catalonia's greatest living artist, Antoni Tapies was the unchallenged choice to design a sculpture for the central hall of the new National Museum of Catalan Art. Unchallenged, that is, until he proposed building a sock as high as billboard.

And now Barcelona is deeply - indeed, passionately - divided between those who consider his design an absurd example of contemporary Catalan art and those who say artistic freedom should be defended even if the public is, well, ignorant.

Whether art must be popular to be good is, of course, an old topic of debate. Mr. Tapies' allies have been quick to recall that other native sons of Catalonia - Pablo Picasso, Joan Miró and Salvador Dali among them - often produced works that were not immediately under-

But in this case, matters are complicated by pride and politics. Catalans are proud of their language and strong regional identity, and they are proud of their architectural and artistic tradition, but they worry that the sock - with a hole in it, no less may expose them to ridicule by other Spaniards. If built, it would stand 60 feet (19 meters) tail.

The sock - or, rather, the six-inch-high model of it that is causing the stir — has also split Barcelona along political lines, with the socialists who run City Hall defending Mr. Tapies' artistic license and the conservatives who govern Catalonia arguing that it is inappropriate for the new museum.

Both have a voice because, along with the Ministry of Culture, they are co-financing the conversion of the hnee and ornate National Palace into the National Museum of Catalan Art, where everything

from Roman and Gothic sculptures to contemporary works will be displayed.

The design of the museum is in the hands of Gae Aulenti, who a decade ago executed a similar project when she turned the Gare d'Orsay in Paris into the Musee d'Orsay. And it was her idea to solve the problem of the palace's huge domed central hall with a sculpture by Mr. Tapies.

In reality, the 69-year-old artist is far better known as a painter - an exhibition of his works opens at the Museum of Modern Art in New York on May 7 - but he has done previous sculptures in Barcelona, including the "Cloud and Chair" that sits astride the Tapies Foundation's own museum.

Mr. Tàpics, in a newspaper interview, defended his sculpture. "I don't like to talk about my works," he said. "I have always felt that works of art are like delicate flowers: the more you handle them, the more they

are harmed. But the sock involves a reflection on the objects of daily life to which we give no importance. I wanted to demonstrate that you can achieve transcendence through a simple object."

He also explained that the hole in the sock "can make us think of those with holes in their socks or no socks at all" and that it underlined "the symbolism of feet and footprints."

He added that if the sculpture was constructed, visitors to the museum will be able to enter the sock through the hole.

The future of the sculpture, though, is still in the balance. Since City Hall and Catalonia's regional government gave conflicting opinions, the museum's divided board of trustees must decide. And Mr. Tapies still trusts that they will ignore public opin-

"I have made 7,000 works of art," he said. "I See ART. Page 3

Major's Major Problem: Nice Enough to Put Voters to Sleep

By Glenn Frankel ashington Post Service

LONDON - John Major grew up in a modest but comfortable house on Longfellow Road in Worcester Park, a distant, leafy suburb of London. His father, a retired vandevillian, converted the backyard into a workshop for a garden ornament business. The house was the center of neighborhood life—the Majors were the first on the street to own a television set. "It was bliss," Mr. Major has recalled.

Then it all came apart. In 1955, when John was 12, the business collapsed, and the Majors were forced to sell the house. They moved to a two-room apartment on Coldharbour Lane in Brixton, one of London's toughest neighborhoods. The stove was in the hallway, and the bathroom was three flights down.

"I know what it's like for a family to be up against the odds," Britain's prime minister has said. "There were times when we didn't know whether we would even be able to eat."

On the surface, John Major looks like a simple read: a warm, sincere, affable, mild-mannered perfectionist of a politician, more engaged by policy, details and statistics than by emotions or abstractions. Yet just below the carefully constructed exterior lies a different person, the one forged in Brixton: a passionate, even angry man who still carries the stigma of the British class system, hates being patronized and feels both a sense of disdam and a sense of inferiority about those who are better educated and more articulate.

. "People see him in public with this totally disarming smile, and he has a public image as a gentle, kind,

Adversaries Will Let

Nagorno-Karabakh Be

ganization, faces in absorbing new states created by the fall of the

Soviet bloc and in trying to resolve

Genscher of Germany said, "The CSCE must have the capability for

its own peacekeeping actions."
He said the Conference would

"have to decide whether and how far the CSCE uses the Western Eu-ropean Union or NATO for such

The United States reportedly has

expressed support for some kind of

cooperation on peacekeeping, but Deputy Secretary of State Law-rence S. Eagleburger, who spoke Tuesday, did not mention it.

In the post-Soviet world, the or-

ganization has grown to 51 nations from 35. Many want the group,

sus, to move more quickly to halt

conflicts and human-rights viola-

The organization accepted the former Yugoslav states of Croatia

and Slovenia as new members

Tuesday, along with Georgia, the only former Soviet republic that

ence members signed a treaty al-

lowing spy flights over countries in

last month's announcement that all

Canadian troops would be leaving

Europe, officials said Tuesday in

The allies' main fear is that the

Canadian withdrawal will fuel

pressures for deeper cuts in U.S.

forces in Europe, but officials in Washington said that the Bush ad-ministration was unlikely to be in-

fluenced by the actions of the Otta-

But Manfred Wörner, the secre-

tary-general of the North Atlantic

Treaty Organization, is expected to

ask Canada to confirm its European role by making a formal com-mitment to keep a 5,000-man air

and ground force ready to reinforce

In NATO's view, these Canadian

units should train frequently in Eu-

rope so that they could quickly op-erate alongside allied forces in the

alliance's planned new rapid-reac-

The Ottawa government cited

budgetary pressures in deciding to speed up a planned withdrawal of its 7,000 troops in Europe and

bring home the entire contingent

tinue with military arrangements to send reinforcements to Norway in

an emergency, and more than 1.000

Canadian troops are involved in

the peacekeeping operation in Yu-goslavia under the auspices of the

Canada has said that it will con-

the alliance in a crisis.

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NATO Seeks From Canada

Assurance on Alliance Role

which makes decisions by conse

Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich

Represented at Talks

The Associated Press

HELSINKI — Armenia and Azerbaijan agreed Tuesday to ac-

cept a separate representative from

Nagorno-Karabakh at peace talks

to be sponsored by the Conference

on Security and Cooperation in Eu-

Foreign Minister Juri Dienstbier

of Czechoslovakia said after two

hours of closed meetings that representatives from Armenia, Azer-baijan, Germany, Sweden and Czechoslovakia had accepted a ba-

sic plan to hold a peace conference

in Minsk, Belarus, the administra-

tive headquarters of the Common-

No date was set for the peace

Foreign Minister Margaretha as

Ugglas of Sweden said the break-

through was approved by the other

Azerbaijan considers the mostly

Armenian Christian territory of

Nagorno-Karabakh to be its terri-

tory and had opposed Armenia's

demand that the people of the en-clave be considered independent or

It was a clear example of the new challenges that the Conference, the

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truthful and capable man," says the novelist and former Conservative member of Parliament Jeffrey natural heir now feel betrayed — including, according Archer, a close friend. "But don't ever underestimate John Major. There's real steel there."

The Conservative Party is hoping to ride Mr. Major's personal popularity in the opinion polls to a fourth consecutive term in the prime minister's office in Britain's general election on April 9.

[A Harris poll for Independent Television News put the main Labor Party challenger four points ahead, Renters reported. This contrasted with an earlier Harris sample in Tuesday's Daily Express giving the Conservatives a lead of five points.] In many ways Mr. Major is the embodiment of the

"opportunity society" the party seeks to create: the man who came from nowhere and rose to the top on his ability, including the talent to impress his superiors

Yet there is discomfort with Mr. Major inside his own party. There is a fear that this relatively untested newcomer may lack the savvy and political skills to succeed in the short, sharp, high-stakes election campaign he is now immersed in.

The ideologues do not much trust his policies and socially liberal instincts. When it comes to such issues as black immigration and the death penalty, for example, Mr. Major has insisted the party eschew the hardright stands that won it votes in the past. In a recent speech, he outlined a personal political philosophy of wealth and welfare, hand in hand" that is far to the left of traditional party doctrine.

Those on the party's right wing who originally saw

to many accounts. Mrs. Thatcher herself. Those on the left of the party are more encouraged but not totally comfortable with a man who says he sympathizes with the unemployed and the poor, yet has presided over Britain's longest recession since World War II.

And then there are those who fear the real problem is that Mr. Major has no firm ideological anchor at all that the years of struggle up from Brixton have rendered him too cautions, too gray and too unwilling to commit himself, that the passion so deeply re-strained for so long cannot be unleashed. Mr. Major, they fear, unlike his Labor Party opponent Neil Kinnock, does not look or sound hungry for the job.

Mr. Major and his closest aides are aware of the problem and in recent days have sought to put a sharper edge on his speeches and public comments and breathe life into what so far has been a surprising-

ly inert Tory campaign.
"If the Tories lose, he will shoulder the blame and disappear to become a derisory footnote to British political history," wrote David English, editor of the

Mr. Major is an avid fan of English cricket. He quit school at age 16, declaring he was bored "beyond endurance." With little education and few prospects, he did a brief stint as a clerk for an insurance broker, then worked for a time as a manual laborer and spent nine months on the unemployment roll. Eventually, in - six years after he left school - he landed a bank teller's job and began the slow climb up the

7 Killed as Sudan Air 707 Crashes Near Athens

But Mr. Major's real aptitude was for politics. Labor was the dominant party in Brixton, but Mr. Major was not interested. He contends he felt patronized by local Labor workers who concentrated on maintaining their control over the area, not on helping people rise from poverty. Instead, at age 16 he joined he Young Conservatives.

"People were expected to be dependent - never, however hard they worked, never independent, never in control of their lives or their family's future," he recalled in a recent speech.

Mr. Major rose because he worked hard, honed his skills and impressed his elders. He admits it was a calculated self-transformation designed to compensate for his lack of a university degree. That is how he got ahead in banking, where he eventually became personal assistant to the chairman of Standard Chartered Bank. That is how he became a local councilor in the London borough of Lambeth and, eventually, in 1979, the member of Parliament for the safely Conservative seat of Huntingdon, northeast of London.

At 47, he became Britain's youngest prime minister this century after winning a party leadership battle in 1990 a few months before the Gulf War. In the war, Mr. Major proved just as steadfast an American ally as Mr. Thatcher had been, and won instant stature at home and abroad. His ratings have slipped somewhat in the teeth of the recession but remain far higher than those of Mr. Kinnock. His easy manner and sincerity also have made him friends with such world figures as George Bush, Helmut Kohl and Mikhail S.

Tuesday's was among the highest death toll of any single day since a UN-negotiated truce came into force Jan. 3. At least 200 people are estimated to have died in hundreds of incidents since. Colonel General Satish Nambiar, Indian commander of the UN people are that have died in hundreds of the UN colonel General Satish Nambiar. peacekeeping force that began arriving last week, warned that the fighting, could postpone the arrival of the 14,000 soldiers, scheduled by April 25, Albania Chief Praises Results of Vote TIRANA. Albania (Reuters) — Albania has taken a great step to. consolidate democracy by electing its first non-Communist government, President Ramiz Alia said Tuesday. In a statement on national radio, Mr. Alia, a former Communist, said, "We should now considered the communist said," "We should now accelerate the process of reform in all structures of He congratulated the Democratic Party, which is headed by Sali-Berisha, on its victory in the Sunday balloting in which the Socialist Party, as the former Communists are now called, fell to 25 percent of the.

By Keith Bradsher New York Times Service

Guardia Airport, killing 27 people, has had many accidents, with the destruction of one in every nine planes ever manufactured, according to figures compiled by a group

Canadian investigation into a Fokker 28 crash three years ago in Dryden, Ontario, which also occurred shortly after takeoff in a snowstorm, indicate that the design of the plane's wings requires extra caution during cold, wet weather, so that the wings are kept clear of

The Fokker, the DC-9 and many corporate jets do not have such slats. Thus, ice on the wings disrupts the flow of air and impairs

The plane, which has been in service for many years in the Unit-ed States, meets Federal Aviation Administration safety standards.

aerospace group that made the Fokker 28, said the plane was reliable and had a good safety record. "We want to make a safe air-

craft, and we have done that," he said. "When the aircraft gets out and into service, then you have to look at other things."

in industrialized countries.

Gordon A. Haugh, spokesman for the Canadian commission investigating the Dryden accident, said that the U.S. National Transportation Safety Board had asked the Canadian government for information on its study of ice on the wings of Fokker 28s.

The special Canadian commission is scheduled to rule this week on the cause of the Dryden accident.

Fokker 28s: One in 9

The crash on Sunday took place

Air Ontario jet in Canada was the only Fokker 28 crash in North

On most modern commercial jets, a slat at the front of the wing ides forward and down shortly before takeoff. This increases the length of the top side of the wing so that more air takes the shorter route under the wing, providing

Robert M. Hawk, spokesman for Fokker NV, the Amsterdam-based

Arnold L Barnett, statistics pro-lessor at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, said that Third World airlines tended generally to have more accidents than airlines

"The safety record of any conveyance," he said, "whether it's a

Destroyed In Accidents

WASHINGTON - The type of plane that crashed Sunday at La

of British insurance compan Most of the Fokker 28 accidents have taken place in tropical Third World countries, with no immediately apparent pattern to them. But the preliminary results of a

the plane's lift.
Until Sunday, the crash of the

car or plane, depends on who's driving it."

Space Shuttle Lifts Off on Science Trip

CAPE CANAVERAL, Florida (Combined Dispatches) — The space shuttle Atlantis lifted seven astronauts into orbit Tuesday to study the earth's environment. The eight-day mission is the first devoted to atmospheric research. Among other things, scientists hope to learn more about nage to the ozone layer.

vote from more than 67 percent a year ago. The Democrats won 62 percent and are expected to form the next government, probably headed by Mr. Berisha, next month.

WORLD BRIEFS

UN Team Destroys 460 Iraqi Rockets

UNITED NATIONS, New York (AP) — A team of United Nations . chemical weapons experts left Iraq on Tuesday after destroying hundreds

of war-damaged, leaking rockets and shells and finding many more

The team destroyed more than 460 leaking 122mm rockets at a munitions site in southern Iraq. Iraq had said it had stored 2,160 shells and rockets at the site, and told UN anthorities that there were more than 460

460 exposed or partly buried shells and rockets. The team destroyed the

sposed materiel, and found more, buried deeper or beneath bombing

Under the cease-fire resolutions, Iraq must cooperate with the United

Nations in completing the destruction of its nuclear, chemical and

biological weapons programs and ballistic missiles with a range greater

BELGRADE (AP) - At least 11 people died and dozens were

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Surge of Yugoslav Violence Kills 11

buried under rubble and debris, officials said.

rubble from the Gulf War.

than 150 kilometers (90 miles).

To gather as much data as possible, the astronauts plan to work around the clock in 12-hour shifts. They will operate 13 instruments that make up the Atmospheric Laboratory for Applications and Science, or Atlas-1, mounted in the shuttle's 60-foot-long (18 meters) cargo bay.

The shuttle crew includes Dirk Frimout, a physicist who is the first.

Belgian to make a space flight. The rest are Americans — the commander Charles Bolden, the pilot Brian Duffy, David Leestma, Kathryn Sullivan, Michael Foale and Byron Lichtenberg.

TRAVEL UPDATE

Air Guinea Flights Halted by Strike

CONAKRY, Guinea (AP) — Striking pilots have stopped all flights of
state-owned Air Guinea, accusing the management of a breakdown in
authority and not properly servicing aircraft. All national and international flights have been halted since Saturday, leaving dozeas of stranded ssengers in this West African nation.

The company's 31 palots went on strike after no action was taken on a letter March 12 charging "a total absence of direction" in management. The letter made several demands, including replacement of an engine on a Boeing 737 used on long-haul flights, and also said the company must ensure that it could regularly pay to refuel aircraft.

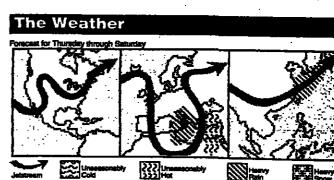
Anisterdam residents may curb the 35,000 cars that invade the city each. day: They may opt in a vote Wednesday for a car-free city center. Under this proposal, Amsterdam's 140 canals would regain their precininence. Water taxis and barges would return to the waterways. Thousands of cyclists would find room to circulate.

Virgin Atlantic Airways will begin flying to South Africa in October, opening the route to a third airline for the first time since 1945, the

airline's owner, Richard Branson, said Tuesday in Cape Town. (Reuters) The U.S. Treasury Department on Tuesday announced stepped-up: efforts to enforce U.S. restrictions on American travel to Libya. The Office of Foreign Assets Control said it had sent 80 warning letters and

requests for information to persons believed to have either traveled to Libya, or made travel-related payments to that country. (AP) After Mexico City's worst week of ozone-laden smog and a weekend that brought no relief to the smothered capital, the government indefinitely extended stiff restrictions on driving and industry.

No new negotiations were scheduled in Pittsburgh on Tuesday in the ninth day of a strike by bus and trolley drivers against the transit system, and a state mediator said the sides were at a "total impasse." (UPI) Russian sirline pilots issued a strike ultimatum to the government despite receiving a promise of shorter work hours, saying they will walk out Wednesday if they are not granted large raises and other demands. The strike would halt all air traffic inside Russia, although Russian pilots on foreign flights said they would continue to work as usual.



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Kurdish Revolt Puts Turkey to Test As part of what appears to be a cight years. The party, whose mem-carefully organized campaign, vio-lence has spread in the past two bombings and assassinations of By Blain Harden

former Soviet Union.

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Washington Post Service
WARSAW — Turkey's Kurdish rebels have transformed southeastern Turkey into a war zone and

sparked bombings and riots across Western Europe. The rebel campaign may prove to be a crippling blow to the newly elected government of Prime Minister Suleyman Demirel, who is trying to improve his country's human-rights record and project an image of Turkey as a moderate sec-

way to central Asia. At morning rush hour Tuesday in Istanbul, guerrillas sprayed a bus with machine-gun fire, killing two Turkish intelligence officers and wounding seven.

ular nation that is the West's gate-

Tanks and armored personnel carriers were needed Monday before the army could regain control of the southeastern town of Cizre from Kurdish fighters. Four days of fighting in the region, with tens of thousands of army troops on emergency patrol, have left an estimated 55 people dead.

days from Greece to Britain. Kurdmarches, bricks and firebombs to controlled Lebanon. denounce what they claim is Turkish "genocide."
In London, hundreds of demon-

ing its very independence."

strators threw bricks and stones at there have been reports that senior the Turkish Embassy. In Wiesbaden, Germany, four people were their lives, are leaving Turkey. injured in a firebomb attack on a "We will fight against these lives." Turkish bank. There were violent ers and we will make these killers protests on Monday in three other ineffective," Mr. Demirel said in German cities, as well as in Brussels and Athens.

After decades of government in-transigence and official denial of the very existence of the estimated 10 to 12 million Kurds living in Turkey, Mr. Demirel's government has tried to break with the past and recognize what it calls "Kurdish reality." The Kurdish language, as well as Kurdish culture and music.

are no longer banned. But Mr. Demirel has ruled out any negotiations with the Kurdish Worker's Party, which has been dominantly Kurdish and by far the prosecuting a guerrilla war for poorest, least developed part of the that the weekend's violence is only protection under the law.

s from Greece to Britain. Kurd-protesters have used street in Iraq and from bases in Syrian-The party's violence has alarmed

Rescuers removing one of seven crew members killed Tuesday in the crash of a Sudan Air Boeing

707 cargo plane that crashed near Athens. The plane was flying from Amsterdam to Khartoum

carrying textiles, and its pilot was trying to land at Athens for refueling. There were no passengers.

Ukraine Wants Out of 'Ruble Zone'

Deputies Back Customs Posts and National Currency

National Bank of Ukraine and introduce the new

national currency. He replaced Georgi Matvienko, who had held the job for less than a year and was

Ukraine has already introduced its own reusable

coupons, similar to bank notes, for buying food

and other necessities. But rubles remain in circula-

The program, drawn up by President Leonid M. Kravchuk's advisers, said Ukraine should pass

quickly to an all-coupon economy as a step toward

introducing its new currency, the hryvna. The new

bank notes, printed in Canada, are to be intro-

military plants for Western currency and produc-

Vladimir Grinyov, a prominent liberal and dep-uty chairman of parliament, said: "This is a very dangerous program. We are heading into a rivalry

with Russia without a reform program of our own.

"This could be a tragedy for Ukraine. If it this is carried out it is equivalent to withdrawal from the Commonwealth of Independent States."

Some economic liberals criticized the plan.

Other measures include auctioning some former

accused of incompetence.

tion alongside the coupons.

duced in the second half of 1992.

ing weapons for sale abroad.

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

KIEV — Taking radical steps to protect Ukraine's economy from Russian price rises, legis-

lators on Tuesday approved customs posts on all

borders and a program to wean the country from

The moves could tear Ukraine out of the eco-

nomic fabric of the Commonwealth of Indepen-

dent States and severely restrict trade with Russia,

The Russian government had planned to free

energy prices in early April but decided Tuesday to

postpone the action until late May.

Ukraine's economic program, adopted in a closed session by a vote of 309 to 34, said that "the

critical state of the Ukrainian economy is threaten-

cause it has its own mint," the program said.

It added, "The only way out is complete with-

drawal from the ruble zone and introduction of

Ukraine's own currency." The "ruble zone" refers

to the economic links between countries of the

The parliament also voted to appoint Vladimir

Geitman, head of a commercial bank, to run the

"Only Russia can survive such price rises, be-

where prices have skyrocketed since Jan. 2.

Turkish cities. In recent weeks, corporate executives, fearing for "We will fight against these kill-Ankara last week. "This time we

will do it. You know if Turkey

many Western business leaders in

starts talking to killers, then new killers will emerge."
Yet, despite a massive army presence in southeast Turkey, as well as in Istanbul, Mr. Demirel's government was unable to head off an uprising that the Kurdish Workers

Party has been advertising for residents to evacuate their bomes weeks. It began Saturday, a day marking the Kurdish New Year. and gather in a soccer stadium. By late Tuesday, it appeared that the army had put down much of the To assert control over towns in southeast Turkey, which is preresistance. But the leadership of the

A Witness for Prosecution Dies During Nazi's Trial The Associated Press

STUTTGART — A witness for the prosecution died in court Tuesday while testifying at the war crimes trial of Josef Schwammberger, a former Nazi concentration camp commander.

The trial of Mr. Schwammberger, 79, is probably the last major war crimes trial in Germany, partly because few witnesses are still alive or in condition to testify.

Erich Scharf, 79, collapsed with breathing difficulties and died as he was identifying himself shortly after taking the stand. Mr. Scharl is a former member of the Nazi SS. He was called by the prosecution and was to have testified about his work in SS headquarters in the Polish city of Krakow in the 1940s, where he had served with Mr. Schwammberger, a former SS lieutenant who

commanded Nazi labor camps between 1942 and 1944, and is

charged in the deaths of more than 3,300 Jewish inmates.

country, the army imposed cur-fews, dispatched commandoes and, prign to create a Kurdish state. fews, dispatched commandoes and. in the town of Sirnak, ordered all.

Mr. Demirel ruled out any possibility of granting limited regional autonomy to the Kurds.

The prime minister has repeated that his government will guarantee cultural freedom for Kurds, as well Kurdish Workers Party has said as ensure that they receive equal

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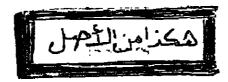
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Cathay Pacific Bounces Back Flat 1991 Net Masks Recovery in 2d Half

HONG KONG — Cathay Pacific Airwaya, Hong Kong's flag carrier, posted Tuesday a fall of just 1.5 percent in 1991 net profit, surprising many analysts with the strength of its recovery from the Gulf War and recession.

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The airline, which is owned almost 52 percent by the Swire Pacific conglomerate and 12.3 percent by Beijing-based China International Trust & Investment Corp., turned in a net of 2.95 billion Hong Kong dollars (\$381 million), down from 2.99 billion dollars in 1990.

Revenue rose 5.6 percent, to 20.93 billion dollars, while operating profit edged up to 3.65 billion dollars, from 3.62 billion. Chairman David Gledhill said

the decline in net mirrored last year's tough operating climate. Despite a pickup in passenger traffic and lower fuel costs in the second half, "the recession continued and price competition increased as airlines struggled to conserve or improve cash flow,"

Cathay carried 7.4 million passengers last year, 4.4 percent down on 1990's level. The pasdrop in 1991 net of as much as 13 ther 12 Boeing 747-400s and 14 percent, based on projections that took into account the gloomy state of the international

airline industry. Mr. Gledhill said he expected improved revenue in 1992 but doubts remained over the health of the world economy as well as cost pressures stemming from

The airline forecasts higher revenue, though some doubts remain.

Hong Kong's persistent double-digit inflation rate.
"The airline's capacity in-

crease will be much higher than in 1991, and with a return of Japanese traffic and a strong performance by the economic of most Asian countries, load factors will increase," he said.

Cathay is expected to continue to expand its fleet, with outstanding commitments to acquire nine Boeing 747-400 airsenger load factor dropped to 73.6 percent from 75.9 percent. Many analysts had forecast a dition, it has options for a fur-

Rice Display

month, defusing a potential dispute with Washington, Agriculture Min-ister Masami Tanabu said Tuesday.

as saying at a press conference.

Since Japan virtually bans im-

ports of foreign rice, the statement

was seen as a largely symbolic soft-ening of the government's stance.

Last year, Mr. Tanabu's prede-

cessor, Motoji Kondo, triggered

trade friction with America by in-

sisting that such displays violated Japan's Food Control Law.

The government repeatedly asked U.S. rice growers to with-draw their samples, which they fi-

nally did on the last day of the five-

The United States, currently ne-

to be held April 14-16, is for educa-

tional purposes only.

Japan has argued that rice self-

sufficiency is a matter of national

security. U.S. officials argue that

rice imports into tariffs.

day exhibition.

Airbus A330-300s. TOKYO - Japan will let American rice growers display their pro-duce at a food exhibition here next

Anne Gardini, senior analyst at Wardley James Capel (Far East) Ltd., said the 1991 results were in line with her expectations given the strong upturn seen in the second half of 1991. She forecast a 19 percent increase in 1992 net profit.

But Ms. Gardini disagreed with Mr. Gledhill's prediction that capacity would be matched by passenger demand this year, saying increased capacity from three new aircraft coming on stream would continue to outpace passenger traffic growth this year.

The chairman emphasized that keeping a lid on costs would be a priority.

Some analysts said Cathay should diversify its passenger traffic base away from Asia. Japanese account for 30 percent, and Taiwanese travelers 10 percent, of the passenger base.

"The economy is not extremely buoyant," an aviation analyst said. "Also, Cathay is quite exposed to the Japanese market and Japan's economy has not been doing well."

(Reuters, Bloomberg, AFP)

Japan Opens Key Matsushita Officer Door for U.S. Resigns Over Loans Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

TOKYO - A vice president of Matsushita Electric Industrial Co. has resigned over bad loans made by a leasing subsidiary to an Osaka restaurant operator and stock specplator, a Matsushita spokesman

said Tuesday. Shoji Sakuma, vice president for "Japan will not say 'no' to the U.S. rice display unless the rice is to marketing, resigned to take respon-sibility for loans made by National be sold." Mr. Tanabu was quoted Leasing Co., a 100 percent-owned unit, to Nui Onoue.

Mr. Sakuma will remain with Matsushita as a corporate adviser.

Miss Onoue was arrested in August and later indicted on charges that she used about 350 billion yen (\$2.6 billion) in forged bank deposit receipts to obtain billions of dollars in illegal loans.

It is alleged that Miss Onoue used the receipts as collateral to borrow money from such financial institutions as National Leasing. She has since pleaded guilty to defrauding institutions of 269 billion yea.

The company also said that the gotiating with the Japanese Food Agency, says the display at this year's Great American Food Show, vice president for finance, Masahiko Hirata, would be demoted to director as a result of the incident. It did not spell out the nature of his involvement, if any, however.

Chairman Masaharu Matsushita and President Akio Tanii are to take a 50 percent pay cut for three months starting in April. Again the Japan should convert its ban on

company did not indicate what role

cither might have played.

Matsushita said National Leasing would write off the bad loans and split off its finance division to form N. L. Finance Co. The company did not disclose

the sums lent in the alleged fraud. Kyodo news agency said the com-pany would write off 20 billion yen out of a total loan of 50 billion. Separately, a former deputy labor

minister was fined and given a suspended two-year prison term for taking bribes from a company in remm for influencing labor policy. The Tokyo District Court im-

posed a 6.81 million yen fine on the former government official, Takashi Kato, 62. He was the fourth person to be convicted in the Recruit Co. influence-peddling scandaL

The roling was the latest in a series of trials involving attempts by Recruit, the information conglomerate, to buy influence by providing lucrative stock deals to scores of influential politicians, bu-

reaucrats and executives. Since the deals were uncovered in 1988-89, prosecutors have charged 12 politicians, public offi-cials and corporate executives with accepting bribes. They are being tried in five separate cases that began in November 1989.

Fairfax Comes

Back to Market

SYDNEY - Australia's

oldest newspaper concern,

John Fairfax Group Pty., which is now controlled by

Conrad Black, the Canadian

media owner, said Tuesday it

would relist on the market in

May after an absence of more

Fairfax, launching its pro-spectus, said it would offer the

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Investor's Asia

Jardine Flexsing Group Ltd. posted a 13 percent increase in after-tax profit for 1991, to \$84 million, citing good results from investment management, wholesale banking and corporate finance.

 Shirayama Corp., a Japanese property concern, has agreed with the British government to buy London's historic County Hall, which it would turn into a hotel, subject to approval by the next British government. • Optus Communications Pty., Australia's private telephone company, said its U.S.-made satellite, which was stranded Sunday on a launch pad

in China after a rocket failure, should be in orbit by July. Nissan Motor Co. has established a sponsored American deposit receipt

facility in the United States with Morgan Guaranty Trust Co.; each ADR will represent two shares in Nissan and will be quoted on the Nasdaq. Sanwa Indonesia Bank, a private Indonesia-Japan joint venture, has

opened a branch in the East Java capital of Surabaya; the bank is the second foreign joint venture to open a branch there. Formosa Plastics Corp., the Taiwan petrochemical giant, plans to borrow \$280 million in syndicated loans from local banks to finance

construction of two chemical plants in Texas. Australia's Civil Aviation Authority is preparing to negotiate the details
of an air-traffic-control contract with Thomson Radar Australia Corp., a
unit of Thomson CSF; it is due to be signed in August.

Marubent Corp. is negotiating with American Telephone & Telegraph Co. to take about 10 percent of an AT&T affiliate, EO lac., which is developing handheld computers, in a deal valued at up to \$8 million.

Japan is considering lowering its ceiling on cars and other vehicles sold to the European Community, due to slumping exports; last year, the government asked carmakers to freeze exports at 1.25 million units a year.

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Chairman of Hong Kong Market Watchdog to Step Down

By Laurence Zuckerman

International Herald Tribune HONG KONG - Robert Owen, who presided over some of the most sweeping reforms in the history of Hong Kong's securities industry, will retire as chairman of the Securities and Futures Commission, the government said Tuesday.

He will step down when his contract expires at the end of April, the third anniversary of his tenure and of the commission itself, and will be succeeded by Robert Nottle, deputy chairman and an executive director of the commission.

Mr. Owen said he would take a position in the private sector that initially would be based in Britain but could bring him back to Hong Kong. He refused to give details.

The chairman's departure has been rumored for several months and will likely not spell any major changes in the colony's regulatory environment. But it does mark the end of an era in which the Hong Kong market made the transition - sometimes kicking and screaming - from being the

personal fieldom of a few power brokers to a bourse of business, which accused him of overregulating the market, international stature.

business, which accused him of overregulating the market, from local politicians, who at one point refused to fund the

The commission has now managed to restore the international investor's confidence in the market after 1987," Mr. Owen said at a news conference on Tuesday.

Mr. Owen, who began his career in the British foreign service and later was chairman and chief executive of Lloyds Merchant Bank, arrived in the colony not long after the October 1987 global stock-market collapse, when Hong Kong was the only major exchange to close its doors.

A government-appointed panel subsequently concluded that the exchange was being run as a "private club" by its chairman, Ronald Li, and recommended a series of reforms. Mr. Li was later convicted of soliciting bribes in the form of preferential share allotments.

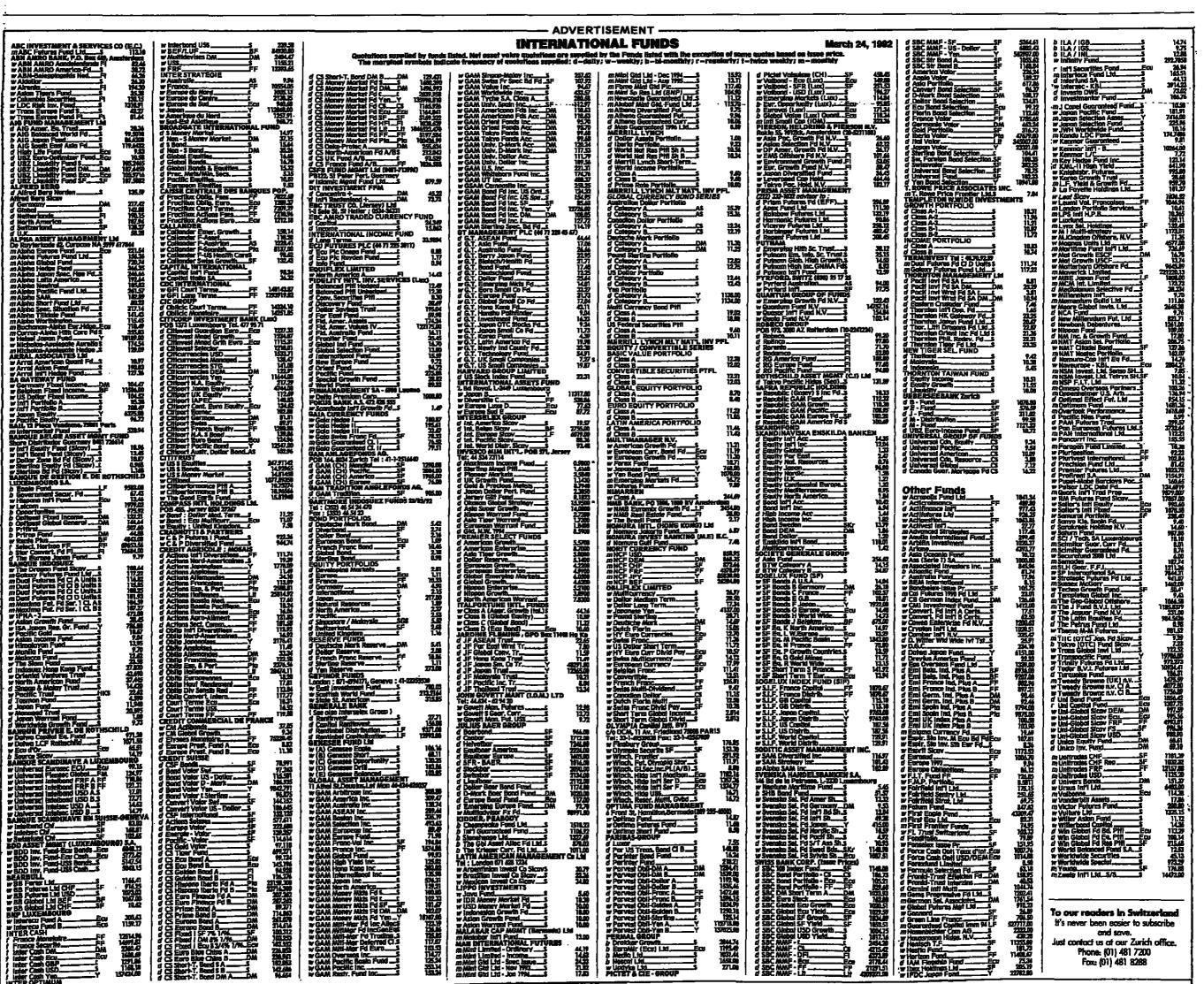
Mr. Owen was brought to Hong Kong as a consultant to the government and was named the chairman of the new Securities and Futures Commission in May 1989. During his tenure, Mr. Owen withstood attacks from big

commission's budget, and from small ethnic Chinese brokers, who said Mr. Owen was trying to drive them out of the

Nevertheless, he instituted most of the panel's reforms and, in the commission's most bruising battle, wrested power away from a group of ethnic Chinese brokers and reconstituted the Hong Kong Stock Exchange, making its ruling council more representative of the financial community.

"He did a very good job in the teeth of entrenched

interests," said William Phillips, managing director of Bar-ings Securities (HK) Ltd. "I take my hat off to him." Henry Wu, chairman of the Hong Kong Stockbrokers Association, which represents many small Chinese brokers, was not as enthusiastic. "Mr. Owen has probably done work that a lot of us will not be able to appreciate until five years down the road," he said. "Right now it is hard to say whether the results will be good or bad."



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SPORTS BASEBALL

Repositioning: Whose Choice?

Some Ballplayers Would Rather Fight Than Switch

By Murray Chass New York Times Service

ST. PETERSBURG, Florida — George Brett remembers when the Kansas City Royals asked Amos Otis to move to left field so that their young speedster, Willie Wilson, could play center.

"Amos said: 'Yeah, I'li play left. Buy me a new car," Brett said, recalling how Otis wanted inducement to move. "He played left field for a week. In Baltimore, he missed a fly ball, went over, picked it up, threw it in, took off his giove and punted it."

Not all players react so negatively when their teams ask them to change positions. In fact, of the players who are working on new positions this spring, the only one who has been outspoken about disliking the change is Tim Wallach of the Montreal Expos.

Elsewhere, in camps throughout Florida and Arizona, players earning a lot of money. as well as some who are not, are mastering

Howard Johnson is playing center field for the New York Mets, Danny Tartabull left field for the New York Yankees. Kal Daniels is a new first baseman with the Los Angeles Dodgers, Craig Biggio a new second baseman with the Houston Astros.

Pedro Guerrero has moved to left field for the St. Louis Cardinals, Ron Gant has done likewise for the Atlanta Braves, and Kevin McReynolds has gone to right for the Royals. Kurt Stillwell is a new second baseman for a new team, the San Diego Padres. Jeff King has switched from third base to first for the Pittsburgh Pirates, but Wallach has resisted

the same move with the Expos. "I told them I wasn't happy about it, and that to me the move doesn't make sense," said Wallach, an 11-year veteran. "If I'm not the best third baseman in the game, I'm

certainly one of the top three." But beyond a player's reaction, negative or positive, what are the rights and responsi-bilities of the player and the club when such

a development occurs? Does the club bave the right to tell a player, "You will change"? Does the player have the right to say, "No, I won't"? Does a

player have a responsibility to change if the team wants, because the team pays his salary? If a club is paying a player \$3 million, it might have 3 million good reasons that the player should accept a new position. But it is not that clear-cut in the minds of players,

agents or general managers. "It depends on the player's situation, where he stands on the team, whether he can dictate it or not." said Richard Moss, a longtime player representative. "A player who is in position to do it can take a stand that he won't change."

though he has asked to be traded. But Mon- good sense." treal left itself without an experienced first baseman when it traded Andres Galarraga to St. Loyis. By moving Wallach to first, the Expos would also be able to get Bret Bar-berie, who batted .353 in 57 games last

season, into the lineup. "People ask, Why would you consider Wallach at first base instead of Barberie?" said the team's general manager, Dan Duquette. "Tim signed as a first baseman and played there in the minor leagues. The transition for him would be easier. It's also a move that could prolong his career, the same as the Royals did with Brett."

When players are asked to move to first. whether it is from the outfield or from across the infield, they generally believe the club is suggesting their ability is declining, "That's not the case here," Duquette said. "First base is the best-paid position on the diamond. We need run production.

Some players do not really have a choice. Before the Cardinals re-signed Guerrero as a free agent, they told him he would have to play left instead of first. Stillwell knew when he signed with the Padres that he would not play shortstop. Daniels is playing first because the Dodgers have no other spot for

Bobby Cox, the Atlanta manager, said a club should not order a player to change positions. "If that's the case, you're probably going to have an unhappy player," Cox said.
"A lot of it has to do with the way you approach the player. They should be able to

participate in the decision. And if a player refuses? "It depends on the situation," Cox said. "You talk about it. approach it again or drop it. Go to Plan B." John Schuerholz is the Braves' general

manager. He was the Royals' general manager when Otis was asked to move to left and when Brett was asked to move from third to "The proper way to do it is for the manage

er to explain to the player it's for the benefit of the ballclub," Schuerholz said. "In a perfect world, the player is such a team-oriented guy, he accepts the judgment of the manager and the club as valid and makes the switch. That's in a perfect world. But I don't know many situations where the player absolutely refuses to move." Otis was one.

"He wasn't playing with any vim and rigor," Schuerholz recalled. "A lot of balls fell in that people thought should have been caught. We put Willie Wilson in center field when Otis wasn't on the roster anymore.

"This was a move that could have prolonged his career. It was a matter of profes-

Wallach has not refused to change, al- sional ego and pride getting in the way of

Brett moved to first base in 1987 after 13 years as the Royals' third baseman. "He didn't like it." Schuerholz said. "He had pride. He was one of the best players in the game, an All-Star third baseman. I understood that. George made the switch because he's a team player."

Brett was also tired of hurting his right shoulder when he dived for balls at third. "I don't remember resisting," said Brett, who now is the designated hitter. "I just asked, Why do you want me to do it?"

Todd Zeile stood near the batting cage before a recent game between the Cardinals and the Minnesota Twins and discussed his move to third base from catcher last year, his second in the major leagues.

"I was sort of apprehensive," he said. "I was a catcher all my life, since I was 8 years old, and I had worked to get to the big leagues as a catcher. I was unsure about what kind of success I could have at third base. You have to be at least O.K. defensively, and you have to have better numbers offensively. It was frightening at first, but the more I worked the better I got and the

The Cardinals moved Zeile because they wanted to get Tom Pagnozzi, also a catcher,

"They didn't say, "You have to play third," Zeile said. "They said, "We'd like you to play third. I could have said no, but I don't think it would have been in my best

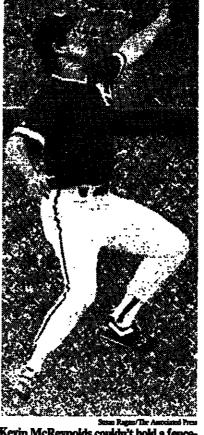
And now, a year later? "I wouldn't care to put the gear back on now," he said. Last year. Steve Sax did not commit him-

self to anything but getting back to second base as soon as possible. The Yankees wanted to break in Pat Kelly, a rookie, at second base, his normal position, then move him to third, but Sax did not want to play third even for Kelly's break-in period.

Sax lasted at his new position for five games, committing three errors in 17 chances for a disastrous .824 fielding percentage. Between seasons, he was traded to the Chicago White Sox.

This year the Yankees have seen the opposite attitude. When Tartabull arrived for spring training, he learned that he was moving from right field to left because Jesse Barfield remained one of the strongest-throwing right fielders in the majors.

"That's what they want me to play, that's what I'm going to do," Tartabull said. Was he offended that he should come in as a \$25.5 million free agent and be asked to switch? "Not at all. Why should I be? It's an ego thing. I guess I'm not into the ego thing. They ask me to play left, let's go."



Kevin McReynolds couldn't hold a fenceclearing drive by the Dodgers' Lenny Harris, but George Brett's three-run shot helped the Royals win, 6-2, Monday.

That was Johnson's attitude, too, when the Mets' manager, Jeff Torborg, asked him to move to center after he had played third base, shortstop and right field last year.
"I don't know why I'm like that," Johnson

said, when asked why he so readily has done what the Mets have asked whenever they have asked. "Tve always been like that. It's come easy for me. I like the challenge of it. If I think I can do it, I'll give it a shot."

Bobby Bonilla, Johnson's outfield mate, who would have willingly moved to left had Johnson preferred to remain in right, responded similarly when the Pirates asked him to move from right field to third base, then back to right.

"I have a different outlook on it," he said. "It's about playing and getting in the lineup and being in there every day. The Pirates converted me to a third baseman when I was in the big leagues. No problem. Just get me in the lineup. I did whatever I could to get at-

Did he ever think of refusing to switch That's something I've never considered," he said. "They pay you to do a job."

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German Export-Import Trade Blurring Soccer's Basic Lines

ONDON — Top German soccer stars leave little before 127,000 spectators in Glasgow. ONDON — Top German soccer stars leave much to the imagination. Their names are on the World Cup, and when the stakes are high the one thing on their minds is winning. And although the last word you'd use to describe them is schizophrenic, many German fans might (eel the condition coming on.

On Wednesday night they will view, via satellite, their national team's prestige match against Italy in Turin. Few of the German players will cross any borders to get there, Nine already earn their livings with Italian clubs for the simple reason that when the lira is stacked against the Deutsch mark quantity licks quality every time.

Come Saturday, German fans will see in the flesh

the decisive Bundesliga match of the season. It is a Rob fair bet that the Hughes

winning goal will come from a foreigner. Stephane Chapmisat, a Swiss, is league leader Borussia Dortmund's hotshot, while Ghanaian Anthony Yeboah leads second-place Eintrackt Frankfurt.

You may think I'm stretching a point, but Chapuisat's 15 goals in 29 matches is more than anyone else's in the Bundesliga. His partner at Dortmund is a Dane, Flemming Polysen. Yeboah's running mate is a Norwegian, Jorn Andersen.

The world, you see, is stood on its head. Rudi Völler scores for Roma, Lothar Matthäus, Andreas Brehme and Jürgen Klinsmann strive for Inter Milan. It is an intriguing thought that 52,000 Germans will

pay to holler their heads off for merchandise imported to replace Germans who are too good, and too expensive, for Bundesliga paymasters.

Whether or not the Germans are value for money

a debate as fickle as the wind. No one questions what Völler's goals have been worth, but afthough Rome wasn't built in a day, gratitude can evaporate in no time there. Roma tumbled out of the Cup Winners' Cup tournament without scoring last week; Völler will be shooting for his next contract from here on.

Inter Milan's German trio are going out of fashion. Last season, the coach, Giovanni Trapattoni, locked wills with the Germans and Inter won the UEFA Cup. But Trapattoni left and Inter slumped as two man ers tried and lost.

Matthäus, the World Cup captain, won the votes of 64 national team managers as the outstanding player in a FIFA poll last December. Now his marriage is on the rocks, his bickering is intolerable and he courts outside offers a year ahead of his contract's expiration.

REHME, 31 like Matthäus, considers returning D to Bayern Munich, but the fallen German team may not compete with Italian clubs willing to pick up

Brehme's \$575,000 annual pre-bonuses net salary. Klinsmann ended talk of backpacking through the Americas when Inter Milan made an offer he couldn't refuse. But, contracted to 1994, the big blond centerforward has hit a trough in which the more he strains the less he achieves. Meanwhile, back in Germany, some ghosts stir. It is

32 years since Frankfurt lost the classic European

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Club Champions Cup final by 7-3 to Real Madrid

What days those were. Adventure counted for more than claustrophobic desense when Argentina's Alfredo di Stefano and Hungary's Ferenc Puskas, the

Galloping Major, struck for Real. Frankfurt replied with indomitable spirit, industry and a wholly Germanic refusal to let the mercenances

of Madrid do all the scoring. Certainly no one in Frankfurt dreamed that three decades later the hero would be a quick, lithe, brave African who has come through fearful racist beiting to make his goals the focal point of a Bundesiga

Back from injury, Yeboah says: "Everything we've achieved we owe to the manager. He has the knack of

passing on vast knowledge." The manager is a Yugoslav, Dragoslav Stepnovic. Last week, between puffs of cigar smoke, he urged his Frankfurters to beat the ailing Bayern Munich, 3-2. confirming how Munich has slumped to a shadow of the team whose players were sold to lira land. RANKFURT blends imported strikers with the

Playmaking from Andreas Möller, who, having signed for two Italian clubs, has been told by FIFA he must go to Juventus (if still wanted) not Atalanta. Just one point separates the teams, and many be-lieve Dortmund might choke first. Its coach, Ottmar

Hitzfeld, encourages such talk, claiming that his side.

— unbeaten in 18 matches — is too young too The fox. Hitzfeld negotiated a whopping champion-ship bonus for himself when he took over last autumn, and having worked nine seasons in Switzerland, his masterstroke was to pick up Chapuisat.

The goal-scoring left wing has an interesting pedigree. His father, Pierre-Albert Chapuisat, achieved notoriety after chopping down Servette's Lucien . Favre so viciously that neither played again.

Favre's knee was wrecked, and Chapmisat's club, Vevey, sacked him when Servette threatened to sue for

The son displays none of the father's killer instinct; what he has he channels into whiplash left-footed shooting and sweet, swift runs up the left flank.

Chapuisat, 22, has survived a traumatic knee injury of his own, sustained after he joined Bayer Uerdingen from Lausanne early in 1991. Uerdingen was relegated, Hitzfeld took Chapuisat on loan and recently completed a deal at \$1.5 million. Chapuisat, whose father negotiates as rigorously for him as he dealt with opponents, has a certain innocence about him.

I hope in the future to play for a major club in Italy," he says. "That is the dream, But the Bundesliga is a good place for a youngster to begin a career abroad, and Dortmund is a football-mad city." Dortmand will forgive the young man's ambition if

he delivers its first championship since 1963. But, if the weight of history becomes too heavy a factor. during the final nine matches, third-place Stuttgart is Stuttgart has something unusual: Its top marksman,

Fritz Walter, was born, bred and still lives in Germany. Rob Hughes is on the staff of the Sunday Times.

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BOOKS

THE GIRLS IN THE BALCONY: Women, Men and The New York Times

By Nan Robertson. Illustrated. 274 pages. \$22. Random House Inc., 201 East 50th Street, New York, New

Reviewed by Susan Jacoby

T has been nearly a century since the purchase of The New York Times by Adolph S. Ochs, the founder of the family dynasty that still controls the newspaper. He was a Victorian patriarch who did not envision a future for women on the staff of the Times.

Nan Robertson, a Pulitzer Prize-winning reporter, has written a history of women's rights and wrongs at The Times during the past century. The balcony is the cramped space in the National Press Club in Washington where, until 1971, women were forced to stand while covering political events there because they were not allowed to become members.

Her account traces the journey of women from the balcony, or the back of the bus, at the newspaper where she spent most of her career. The greatest advances have taken place since 1972, when 50 women of the Times found the courage to sign a letter accusing their paper — an institution they loved — of systematically discriminating against fe-

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male employees in hiring, promotions

Their complaints produced a lawsuit, settled just before trial in 1978, that in Robertson's account sidelined the promising Times careers of several plaintiffs: enraged some of the men who ran the paper, and paved the way for a new generation of women who now wield

When the Women's Caucus began comparing the salaries of general assignment reporters with similar experience, they found that the average pay differential between men and women was \$59 a week, more than \$3,000 a year.

"The message was clear," Robertson writes. "The New York Times was unjust. Most important, this unfairness was at odds with the paper's image of itself, that of a benevolent, liberal institution dedicated to fairness in its treatment of staff members as well as in its presentation of the news.

It will be difficult for any woman over the age of 40 to read this account of the suit without re-experiencing the weight of past injustice.

Betsy Wade, who headed the Woman's Caucus, was the head of the foreign news copy desk at the time. Robertson writes that Seymour Topping, a former manag-ing editor of the paper, frequently said that if Wade were not a woman, "she'd be in the bullpen." (At the Times, as on many newspapers, the desk at the very center of news operations was nick-named the bullpen.)

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Like most pioneers, the women who pressed their claims obtained little for themselves. When the suit was finally settled for \$350,000 (the women at the paper received an average of \$454.54 in back pay), the real significance of the agreement lay in an affirmative action program that would affect the next generation. From a feminist point of view, this narrative is the eagerness of women at the Times today to acknowledge their debt to Robertson's generation.

Although filled with lively quotes, this straightforward reportorial account lacks the narrative and analytical force of Gay Talese's book on the Times, "The Kingdom and the Power" (which, since it ends in 1968, contains scarcely a reference to women except as wives, mothers and mothers-in-law).

Susan Jacoby, a former reporter for The Washington Post and now a freelance writer based in New York, wrote this for **BEETLE BAILEY** The New York Times.

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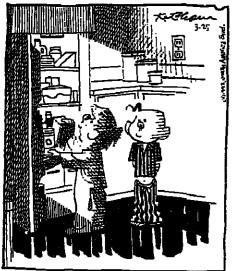








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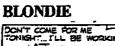
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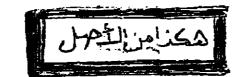
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France and Britain Are Willing to Give Libya More Time

By Youssef M. Ibrahim New York Times Service

PARIS - France and Britain indicated Tuesday that they were willing to give Libya additional time to hand over two suspects accused of the 1988 bombing of a Pan Am airliner over Locketbie, Scot-

But the two governments reiterated their continued intention to ask the UN Security Council to impose sanctions on Libya if it failed to deliver the Libyan government agents to stand trial, either in Britain or in the United States.

The somewhat conciliatory tone from the British and French about Libya came in response to an apparent pledge by Libyans to hand the two men to the Arab League. A delegation of Arab officials traveled to Tripoli on Tuesday to negotiate the terms of the Libyan offer.

But Libyan officials and senior Arab diplomats cautioned in several interviews that it was far from clear that Libya's intent went beyond its stated Continent Monitors
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some international forum, adding that Tripoli was hoping to delay matters until the International Court of Justice in the Hague takes up the issue on Thursday based on a Libyan request.

Libya's ambassador to France, Saad Mujbeir, went further. He asserted in an interview that he "totally and categorically opposes" the handing over of the accused Libyans, suggesting that many in the Libyan leadership would take a similar stand, "If they are handed over to the United States or

Britain, I would resign my job and go back and oppose that decision in Libya," he said. "We cannot allow the United States or Britain, which have demonstrated a long history of hostility towards Libya, to act as judge, jury and executioner. That is an insult to all Arabs." His comments seem to reflect a significant body of

opinion within the Libyan leadership. Some Arab experts pointed out that Libya had little to gain from beginning a process that would eventually bring the two Libyan security agents into a Scottish or U.S. court of law to face charges of

An Arab diplomat said the two would be sentenced and that they would accuse their superiors and "then the Americans will go after higher people," maybe Colonei Moammar Gadhafi, the Libyan

Among the Arab diplomats, the dominant assumption is that Libya will offer only to hand the two accused men over to the Arab League, but not to the United Nations, which may automatically turn them over for a trial in Britain or the United States.

"I think the Libyans are very confused and the whole process is a mess," said an Arab envoy involved in negotiations in the affair. "We are not assuming anything at all because they have made all these pledges verbally. There is nothing in writing."

[The Bush administration demanded Tuesday that Libya put its offer in writing. The Associated Press

reported from Washington. There is no written proposal or a lot of details on this one proposal beyond turning them over to the Arab League," said the State Department spokes-man, Margaret D. Tutwiler. "We have no information on whether the Libyans intend to have the

Britain, France and the United States have accused Libyan security agents of masterminding the destruction of two civilian planes, in 1988 and 1989, resulting in the deaths of more than 400 persons. France has indicted four Libyans for the destruction of its UTA civilian plane over Niger in 1989. In commenting on Libya's latest moves, Daniel Bernard, an official spokesman for the French Foreign Ministry, noted in a press briefing that France "appreciates" Libya's "manifest willingness" to cooperate with an existing Security Council resolution

to hand over the men for trial: "It follows that this implies, in agreement with the Americans and the British, the suspension of procedures under way concerning the adoption of a resolution by the United Nations," Mr. Bernard said.

In London, a spokesman for the Foreign Office said, 'The governments of France, the United States and the United Kingdom have agreed that there should be a brief pause in the Security Council to enable the Libyans to implement their offer and hand over the two accused for trial."

Leader of Thai Military Says He Would Decline Prime Minister's Post

chinda Kraprayoon, Thailand's coup leader 13 months ago and its supreme military commander, has told politicians that he does not want to be chosen as prime minister, a senior official of the leading

pro-military party said Tuesday. Suchinda informed the ones who approached him that he cannot accept it," the official of the Samakki Tham Party said.

Samakki Tham won the most seats in the Sunday election for a its leader, Narong Wongwan, a 360-member lower house of parliament and allied itself with three other pro-military parties to forge a coalition with a slight majority. They had agreed to choose a general who had not stood in the elec-

tion as Thailand's 19th prime min-ister. "Suchinda said in these conditions he cannot accept," the The election was the first since the overthrow of the elected gov-

ernment of Prime Minister Chatichai Choonhavan on Feb. 23, 1991.

Leaders of parties opposed to the

The pro-military camp won 191 military warned that selecting a seats and the anti-military bloc general as prime minister could 163.

lead to unrest, and students and BANGKOK - General Su- other democracy campaigners threatened to take their protests to the streets.

"This could just be another strat-egy of Suchinda's," a civil servant said. "He could be trying to look reluctant."

"I think we'll get a lot of this over the next few days," a European diplomat said. "It's all part of the

The Samakki Tham official said the party had agreed to nominate businessman, as prime minister.

The two biggest partners in the pro-military coalition, Samakki Tham and the Chart Thai Party, were already at odds over which should name the National Assembly speaker, sources in both parties

Anti-military parties were meet-ing to discuss creation of an alternative coalition. They would need a sizeable defection from the promilitary side to gain a parliamenta-

Hun Sen Warns U.S. On Peace Force Funds

By Don Oberdorfer Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON - Prime Minister Hun Sen of Cambodia said Tuesday that failure by developed countries to provide funds for the United Nations peacekeeping force in his country would represent a greater danger than the Khmer Rouge guerrillas.

Beginning a five-day U.S. stay intended to win support for the

peacekeeping effort, Mr. Hun Sen said Cambodians had "no other alternative" for preventing the return to power of the Khmer Rogue but carrying out the accords signed in Paris last October.

The accords call for the largest UN peacekeeping mission ever to disarm combatant forces, supervise free elections and arrange the repatriation of refugees. Initial elements of the planned 22,000-member force arrived in Phnom Penh last week, but the force's future is in doubt because of opposition in Congress to furnishing the U.S. share of the costs.

The U.S. share was initially set at about \$600 million, but administration officials have asked the United Nations to reconsider the size and \$2 billion cost of the peacekeeping force.

Under the accords, the Khmer Rogue, blamed for deaths of up to 2 million Cambodians during the late 1970s, has a seat on the Supreme National Council that is to direct the transitional operations in Cambodia. Mr. Hun Sen and the Phnom Penh government bitterly contested the inclusion of the Khmer Rouge in the transitional authority, but finally agreed under pressure from the United

But failure to carry out the Paris agreements because of lack of funds, he said, would "put us in a very difficult situation."

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The director of the Finnish Center for Radiation and Nuclear Safety, Antti Vuorinen, with the manual used in rating nuclear accidents.

Nuclear Mishaps: From 'Anomaly' to 'Major Accident'

VIENNA - The 1990 international scale of nuclear events has seven levels: • Level One is an "anomaly" in a plant's

functioning, carrying no risk.

• Level Two is an "incident" that can affect a

radiation. But protection outside the site is not and a partial evacuation of local residents is necessary.

• Level Four is an "accident" mainly affect-

• Level Six is a "serious accident" sending ing the plant, in which minimal radiation can affect local residents, and food should be gency evacuation of all local residents to limit gency evacuation of all local residents to limit serious bealth effects.

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■ Level Three, that of the radioactive leak at the St. Petersburg nuclear plant Thesday, is a "serious incident," causing major contamination at the site and overexposure of workers to

■ Level Five is an accident with risks for the population outside the site, such as the accident of Chernobyl in Ukraine in April 1986, which sends large amounts of radiation into the atmosphere, large zone that can affect several countries.

States and other governments

If the Paris agreements can be put into effect with the help of the UN force, Mr. Hun Sen said, "we have no worries" about the Khmer Rouge's taking over by military or political means.

LEAK: Mishap in Russia

grad plant closed last month after a drop in power triggered its emer-

out the country, called in experts

At the same time, economic pressures have made the continuing use of the facility vital, despite safety concerns. Chemobyl in Ukraine, for instance, is supposed to be shut down for good in 1993, but for the time being continues to operate, with its fourth reactor, where the 1986 explosion occurred, encased in cement.

Armenia, faced with an oil and coal blockade by neighboring Azersaijan that has left Armenia without heat or electricity, may soon start up an old reactor that was shut down for safety reasons after the massive 1988 earthquake there.
The Leningrad plant was faulted

two months ago by Swedish inspectors, who reported that its safety standards were well below international levels. They said the facility lacked proper equipment to con-tain leaks in two of its four reac-

According to Mr. Rogozhin,

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lacking even the most basic con-

nainment system capable of curbing radiation leaks during an acci-

design is considered so unsafe that

Western authorities in Germany

losed the Greifswald plant in the

iformer Communist region as soon as they inspected it. Two similar units in Bulgaria have been shut.

"The old plants cannot be al-

lowed to operate because people

really worried about safety," said

France. "Some of the newer ones

could be reconstructed to meet

nodern standards. But whatever is

ione, it is a very expensive opera-

Environmentalists, however,

mestion whether any of the Soviet

nuclear plants should be saved. "Western agencies are going in here and instead of closing down

eactors and providing alternatives,

hey are bolting on safety mecharisms to keep the system going,

aid Simon Roberts of Friends of

confronted by the dilemma within

the former Soviet Union and its

ormer satellites contend that they

save no realistic choice but to con-

inue operating potentially danger-

aus nuclear reactors to generate

"This is a plant located in an

arthquake region, which cannot

ope with a large pipe break," said

Ar. von Koerber of ABB. "This

trastically highlights the nuclear

Despite the risks, many of those

he Earth in London.

lectricity.

will not accept those where they are

Pierre Tangny, inspector general or nuclear safety at Electricité de

dent, are currently in use. The

The other type built by the Sovi-

closed quickly.

ern Europe and Japan.

DOZENS: Awaiting Disaster

Tuesday's incident occurred when radioactive iodine leaked into the machine room of one of the reactors at Sosnovy Bor. Radioactivity was then released into the atmosphere through the ventilation system. Mr. Rogozhin said that the triggered immediately and that the

counterparts, as well as with the German consulate in St. Peters-

burg. He also said that Russia should

permanently shut down all reactors of the type involved in the leak. Mr. Topfer said that throughout

the former Soviet Union there were 15 other such reactors, known as RBMK units, still using graphite to moderate nuclear reactions.
"We remain convinced that the

RBMK reactors cannot be brought

up to standards and that they must be shut down as fast as possible,"

He said he was concerned by

reports from Moscow that officials

intended to restart the reactor as

soon as repairs were completed, in

about four days.

Mr. Töpfer said there did not

appear to be a radiation danger to

the Russian population and that German monitoring stations had

Shortly after German remifica-

tion, the government closed a Sovi-

et-designed nuclear power station

in Eastern Germany on grounds of

safety deficiencies that could never

be corrected to Western standards.

(Reuters, AP)

not detected unusual levels.

facility had then shut down. Itar-Tass reported that a team of investigators had been sent from Moscow to carry out a thorough inspection of the shut-down reactor after it has cooled, in approximate-

ly three days.
Mr. Rogozhin said that monitoring of radioactivity levels was being conducted to determine whether further leakage was occurring. He said the incident was being ranked as 3 on the international scale of nuclear accidents, meaning there had been no off-site contamina-

age was found, the accident would be reclassified as 4. Chernobyl, the worst nuclear accident in his was ranked 7, the highest ranking.

calamity in the former Eastern-

bloc countries as well as the neces-

sity of a commitment by the indus-

trialized world to become involved

So far, Western efforts have been

The EC, for example, is provid-

ing 11.5 million Ecus to Bulgaria in

an effort to improve nuclear safety

at the two reactors it is continuing

to operate. But Bulgaria still faces

serious power shortages if Ukraine

goes ahead with its plans to close

next year the last two units operat-

ing at Chemobyl. The EC has also

committed 53 million Ecus to im-

proving nuclear safety in the for-

In the United States, Congress

has allocated \$400 million to help

finance the safe dismantling of nu-

clear weapons in the former Soviet

Union, but there is only a tiny

program of technical assistance on

nuclear power safety offered by the

throughout the nuclear community

that the chances of a really serious

accident in the Soviet region are

quite high," said I. A. Bupp, a nu-

clear energy analyst with Cam-

in Cambridge, Massachusetts. "But

There are very deep concerns

mer Soviet Union.

Energy Department.

in solving the problem."

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Gorbachev said, adding that he had received many letters from ordinary people urging him to remain in public life. He said the working title of the last section of his memoirs is "Everything Is Still Ahead."

During the hourlong interview on Monday, he alternately charmed and browbeat his visitors. Aware of his place in history, he frequently referred to himself in the third person as "Gorbachev." Mr. Gorbachev said the situation in the former Soviet Union had reached an "explosive critical mass" because of social tension caused by declining living standards and the inability of the new 11-nation ommonwealth of Independent States to develop durable political

Deploring the political tension between Russia and Ukraine, he said Commonwealth leaders had done little but "walk and talk" during their most recent summit meeting, in Kiev last weekend.

"To tear the Slavic world apart is the most dangerous thing, the most unproductive," he said. "The people will start to unite," he said.

"Then all those forces that allowed it to happen, that were incapable of preserving this world and giving it a new identity on a democratic basis and the redistribution of powers, these people will turn out to be just temporary figures," he said, making clear that he was referring to both Mr. Yeltsin and the Ukrainian president, Leonid M. Kravchuk.

Although Mr. Gorbachev insisted that he agreed with Mr. Yeltsin on the "broad principles" of Russia's democratic transformation, he sharply criticized the Russian leader's program of economic shock therapy. He accused Mr. Yeltsin of putting "the cart before the horse" by liberalizing prices at a time when much of the economy is

run as a state monopoly. He said the Yeltsin government was trying to move too fast and needed to make "corrections" in its reforms.

Mr. Gorbachev also made it clear that he remained bitter about the way he was forced to resign in December after Mr. Yeltsin and leaders of several other republics declared that the Soviet Union no

He described Mr. Yeltsin's "maneuver" to create a Commonwealth after he and Mr. Gorbachev had tentatively agreed on a new version of the Soviet Union as "inexplicable."

Despite the harsh tone of his criticism of Mr. Yeltsin, Mr. Gorbachev said he maintained normal relations with him. By way of confirmation, the phone rang just as the interview was ending. After picking up the receiver, Mr. Gorbachev announced to his guests that "Boris Nikolaevich is on the line."

He seemed particularly irritated by suggestions that he had failed to show sufficient decisiveness in dealing with Communist Party hard-liners who opposed his reforms and tried unsuccessfully to

He refused to acknowledge any substantial mistakes during his

Honecker Would Go to North Korea But Roberto Cifuentes said after

seeking to resolve a diplomatic dispute with Germany said Tuesday munist chief was not prepared to that the former East German lead-return to Germany, where he faces bridge Energy Research Associates er, Erich Honecker, was willing to trial for ordering border guards to the response so far has clearly been

BONN - A Chilean diplomat talks at the German Foreign Minis-

GORBACHEV: Future Role? KOREA: Setback for Roh

(Continued from page 1)

the South Korean government tries to control the economy and society, which many feel is outdated for a modern and sophisticated nation

like South Korea.

With 42 percent of the vote counted, South Korean television networks forecast that the Democratic Liberal Party would win 118 seats and that the main opposition party, the Democrats, would take

Independents were expected to take 22 seats, and Mr. Ching's new party, the Unification National Party, was forecast to win 20 seats. A small opposition party was ahead in one district. Many independents are expected to throw their support behind Mr. Chung once the election tally is completed.

Mr. Chung's party thus appears to have passed a crucial test by obtaining more than 20 seats. That is the minimum needed to participate directly in the key policymak-

ng councils of the assembly. The National Assembly has 299 seats, of which 237 were up for election. The remaining 62 will be apportioned afterward, according to a formula based on the percent of the popular vote each party com-

If these percentages hold, Mr. Roh's party will fall just short of a majority, potentially giving Mr. Chung a big say in government

That is precisely what many Koreans, particularly businessmen.

seem to have wanted. "This election is offering a very important chance for business-

men," said Park Yong Hak, founder of another industrial conglomerate and chairman of the Korea Foreign Trade Association, an important trade group. "I do hope businessmen will express their views today to policymakers in the government, and that the policymakers will listen." "After all," he added. "that's

how Japan became such a power." Conversations with election officials at several polling sites in Seoul leave its embassy in Moscow for shoot would-be defectors to the and Korean news reports portrayed the voting as business-like.

Anti-Semitic Professor Out

By Susan Chira New York Times Service

NEW YORK -After months of anger, tension and political maneuvering stemming from his ra-cially charged remarks about Jews and whites, Leonard Jeffries Jr. was replaced as head of City College's black studies department, effective July

The move, in a vote Monday night by City University's board of trustees, represents an attempt by the board to restore calm to a troubled department wracked by the controversy over the ideas of Mr. Jeffries, which include the difference between African "sun people" and European "ice

City College will appoint Edmand W. Gordon, 70, a former chairman of the Department of African-American Studies at Yale University and a longtime adviser to City College's president, to a two-year position with a mandate to recruit new faculty and reorganize the black studies depart-

Mr. Jeffries called the refusal to renew the chair-manship he has held for 19 years "an academic lynching and a media lynching."

The controversy about Mr. Jeffries broke out

last summer after he gave a speech in Albany speaking of a "systematic, unrelenting" attack from "the Jewish community" against himself and other black scholars, and of "a conspiracy, planned and plotted and programmed out of Hollywood" by Jews and Italians to denigrate blacks In his Albany speech, Mr. Jeffries also said that

Jews had helped to finance the slave trade. Students have said that Mr. Jeffries has distributed booklets in class suggesting that the skin pigment melanin may give blacks an intellectual

advantage.

And he has often talked about the difference between the humanitarian and communal "sun people" of Africa and the "ice people" of Europe, where harsh conditions produced a culture of 'domination, destruction and death."

PUNCH: 150-Year-Old Satirical Weekly Will Close

(Continued from page 1) newspapers, and as circulation fell

At its peak in the 1940s, Punch's circulation reached 175,000. Even an advertising campaign that was reported to cost £1 mil-lion, to mark the magazine's 150th Lemon's editorship, the magazine established itself not only as a huanniversary last year, could not

"We can't go on sustaining losses of more than a million," Mr. Wilson said. "We would if we could see a way of making the losses smaller, but in the current climate we don't see any way."

He knew nothing he said, about reports in the British press that United Newspapers had been trying to negotiate the sale of Punch to a British-American publishing company. But he said United Newspapers would continue to try to find a buyer.

Roland White, the magazine's deputy editor, said he could only express the "normal platitudes it's great shame, we're all fired, oh dear." The closure, he said, was not a surprise, since rumors of it had been circulating over the last couple of years.

has taken some flak from old-guard Punch readers and contributors for attempting to keep pace with its racier rivals, Private Eye and Viz. But criticism, he said, is not new to Echoing the much-quoted words

of an early Punch editor, Mr. White said that Punch had "always been never as furmy as it used to be." The magazine, he said, "is to Britain all about nostalgia and looking "But it's hard to run a magazine

by looking back," he added. Still, with a history like Punch's, it is hard not to refer to the past. The magazine was founded in 1841 by Mark Lemon in the back room of his parents' pub.

According to lore, Punch reject-

ed everything Charles Dickens ever one of my cartoons," he said, "so submitted to it; actually, Mr. White I'm very sorry to see it close. It's said, Mr. Lemon was a close friend been a great sort of breeding of Dickens and feared that the auground or testing ground for carthor would be embarrassed by betoonists. I'm not sure where they'll ing published in Punch.

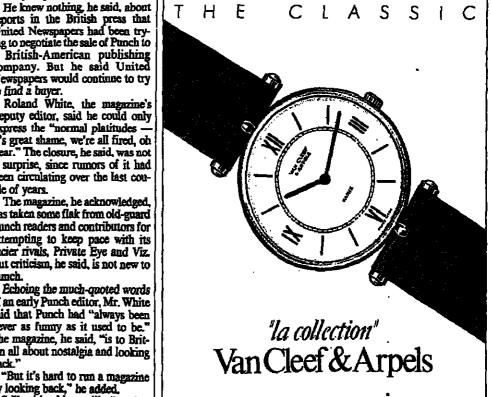
During the three decades of Mr.

1960s, believed that the magazine mor magazine, but as a campaigner had lost its way of late. for social justice. The British artist Gerald Scarfe expressed regret at Punch's closure.
"It was the first place to publish

"It's like that old cliche of the dentist's waiting room," he said. "That's the only place I ever saw

Like many, though, Mr. Scarfe,

who worked at Punch in the early



PARIS, GENEVE, BRUXELLES, CANNES, MONTE CARLO, MILANO. ROMA, BEVERLY HILLS. HONOLULU, NEW YORK, PALM BEACH, OSAKA, TOKYO, HONG KONG, SEOUL, SINGAPORE

ART: Does Barcelona Want Sculpture of a Tall Sock, Complete With Hole? to City Hall and the regional gov- offered. "It looks just like a sock to Then it was the turn of the politi-(Continued from page 1)

wonder how far I would have gone

if I had submitted each one to a referendum."

When the artist first presented his model to the new museum's board late last year, eyebrows were immediately raised. Although the meeting was private, a majority reportedly liked what they saw. But the board's vice president, Ramon Guardans, spoke out against it, and

no decision was made. Instead, the problem was passed

ernment. Yet before the verdict was me." issued, word - and then photographs — of the planned sculpture eaked into local newspapers, and the great sock debate began.

newspaper letters columns suggested that Catalans were, in the main, not amused. Soon, from taxis to cafés, everyone had an opinion.

Local comedians also had a field day, which made it no easier to persuade ordinary Catalans to take the work of art seriously. Barcelona's artists and writers Call-in radio programs and

heard. Asked for his opinion of the sock, one prominent Catalan sculptor, Josep Maria Subirachs, himself "I don't know what it means," swered that Mr. Tapies was a very Alionso Arias, a busy bartender, good painter.

cians to have their say. Yet such is Mr. Tapies' giant reputation here that, even when the

regional government's cultural counselor. Joan Guitari, came out against placing the sock in the new remained fairly loyal to Mr. Tapies, museum, he promised to find an although some critical voices were alternative site. The president of Catalonia, Jordi

Pujol, was also eager not to offend no stranger to controversy, an- the artist, saying merely that it was "not the time or place" for the

Herald Tribune.

A Force for the Americas

Far-rightists backed by the military have now thwarted an international peace plan to democracy itself. Meanwhile the possibility of backdoor U.S. intervention through American States to contemplate stronger approaches to restoring democratic rule. In Venezuela, military nationalists challenge democracy. And the Shining Path guerrillas terrorize Peru.

The time has come to create a new inter-American military force that could intervene to protect democratic governments from hijacking by armed terrorists.

The vast majority of Haitians favored OAS efforts to restore the ousted president. Jean-Bertrand Aristide. But an armed minotity of soldiers and political thugs intimidated enough legislators to block approval. Now OAS members are likely to step up

economic pressure. That will bring new suffering to impoverished Aristide supporters, but may not soften the hearts of soldiers who have profited handsomely from drugs and other illicit rackets.

Nor will embargoes alone provide an answer to serious problems elsewhere in the hemisohere. Last month rebel soldiers nearly overthrew Venezuela's democratic government. And in Peru, the violent Shining Path insurgency continues to gain ground, threatening the democratic regime.

Peru's army, notorious for human rights

drug interdiction rightly alarms Congress. The crises demand a Latin American version of the collective security arrangements now emerging in Europe, Africa and Asia.

European mediators backed by United Nations peacekeepers are trying to end the deadly war between Serbs and Croats. Soldiers from a West African regional organization have helped restrain Liberia's civil war. And Indonesian and Malaysian forces are now moving into Cambodia as part of a UN peacekeeping plan. Outside intervention is no longer tantamount to big-power bullying.

A hemispheric intervention force is more likely to be accepted if Washington maintains a low profile. The United States, as the region's major military power, is uniquely suited to certain logistical and reconnais sance tasks. But political control of the force needs to be shared broadly.

Earlier in the Haitian crisis, Argentina

and Costa Rica seemed favorable to creating an inter-American force. With the region's militaries again becoming restive and Shining Path on the march, there is

— THE NEW YORK TIMES.

Two Cheers for Tatarstan

A third phase of imperial disintegration in the former Soviet Union comes into view. In the first phase, Eastern Europe was allowed by an enlightened Mikhail Gorbachev to go its separate national ways. In the second, the other 14 Soviet republics asserted claims to independence. Russia has tried to preserve, in the Commonwealth of Independent States, some shadow of a common structure, but during the last weekend that effort came near to crack-up on the rocks of Ukrainian nationalism. Now Russians face a third front of disintegration - from within. On Sunday, Tatarstan, largest (5 million people) of nearly 20 autonomous regions within Russia, voted for independence, its precise form to be determined.

Now, Stalin's Russia unconscionably swallowed up Ukraine 70 years ago - a relatively recent step and one that it is at least feasible to consider reversing now. But Russians conquered the Tatars, a Muslim people on the Volga, a formidable four-plus centuries ago. Stalin's "iron spoon," with which the Soviet tyrant stirred Russians into local populations, ensured a thorough mix, including much intermarriage. Citizens classified as Tatars now make up only

about 48 percent of the population; "Rnssians" constitute 42 percent, and more than half the residents of the capital. Russian President Boris Yeltsin pleaded for abandonment of the referendum and, then, for a no vote on independence. Ethnic assertiveness carried the day by 62 percent,

It was, by all accounts, a fair and demo-cratic election — unchallengeable on process grounds. But it is apparent that, how-ever worthy the principle of selfdetermination, universal application has its sobering effects. The basic and unresolved question is: What is a nation and what is a minority? Nations deserve independence, minorities deserve solicitude and protection. Russia had urged Tatars, and by extension a score of other non-Russian peoples, to regard themselves as a minority and to accept an autonomy status that it was prepared to sweeten gener-ously. Tatars replied that they regard themselves as a nation - one that could live nicely on oil revenues that would no longer have to be shared with Moscow. There may be cheers in Tatarstan, In Russia, aspirin is appropriate.

- THE WASHINGTON POST.

Clinton and the Seawolf

ner, wants to spend \$3.4 billion to build two Seawolf attack submarines that President George Bush correctly canceled. For that Mr. Clinton has been accused of "pandering" to the voters in Connecticut, whose primary is on Monday. But whatever his

does not need another Seawolf; he simply wants to keep submarine production capacity afloat until the time comes for a new sub. There is a better way to preserve vital defense industries as the Pentagon budget shrinks. Careful planning can choose exactly which skilled workers and plants are essential. The result is likely to be elimination of some facilities, such as the Connecticat shipyard that builds the Seawolf, but that is the sort of tough choice that will face

any president in coming years.

The Seawolf was designed to counter a Soviet submarine threat that is unlikely to materialize. Mr. Clinton would buy a smaller, chesper submarine, the Centurion, to replace older subs as they retire more than a decade from now. But the Centurion could not be procured until 1998 at the earliest.

Mr. Clinton rightly talks about needing "a plan for conversion" of defense industries to civilian projects. But nuclear submarine yards are not ideal candidates for conversion. There is no commercial need for nuclear subs, and many of the technical skills needed for constructing them cannot be honed by building much else.

trial base, the nuclear submarine yard at General Dynamics' Electric Boat Division in Groton, Connecticut, may not be needed. The United States has another shipyard capable of building and repairing nuclear warships — at Newport News, Virginia. motives the policy is wrongheaded.

Even Mr. Clinton concedes that America

When the Pentagon begins building Centurions, it will not be producing them at a fast shipyards to ensure future competition in designing new nuclear subs. Newport News says it can restart sub construction even after a histus - if the vard can be out to work overhauling existing subs and building a new nuclear-powered aircraft carrier. A study of the nuclear warship construction industry could examine that claim. It could also examine which key subcontractors with necessary skills may need to be kept in

business during the hiatus. Closing Electric Boat will be painful for its employees and costly to Connecticut and Rhode Island, already suffering from prolonged recession. And resuming submarine production at Newport News after a long layoff would entail other costs. But it would be cheaper than keeping Electric Boat at work building unneeded submarines. Mr. Clinton calls for change and recognizes that it begins with substantially larger cuts in the defense budget. He has to accept the consequences of those cuts. Otherwise the more things change, the more they stay the same. - THE NEW YORK TIMES.

Other Comment

Japan and Germany Retrench

As real estate values decline in Japan, the combined collateral worth of securities placed with Japanese banks is diminishing. Japanese companies are plagued by losses. It is inevitable that money will be sucked into Japan's domestic economy.

The development is serious for the

export-driven East Asian economies, because they stand to lose the most. But reports of the economic demise of

Japan are grossly exaggerated. The bubble has not burst; it has been deflated. And even a smaller Japanese economy will remain a considerable force to reckon with. In the longer run, Asian economies, a logical investment site for Japanese companies, do not need to worry, for Japan's economy has matured; its work force will not want to perform certain jobs. Some industries will not be competitive if they try to hire expensive local labor. The Japanese economy that will emerge from the current slowdown will

be as dynamic as the previous one. It is to be hoped that it will be structurally sound and eager to be part of the global economy. - Business Times (Singapore).

Germany has always traded on being a high-wage, high-skills economy. Now pro-ductivity is failing to match wage increases. The implications for German competitiveness are dreadful.

On hourly wages, Germany is only the sixth highest in the world. But when the legally enforced social costs met by German employers are added. Germany becomes the world's most expensive country in which to employ people. German employers look enviously at countries such as Britain, which are not just cheaper, but more flexible. Many big German companies are talking about

siting factories abroad. The hope is that labor costs in the EC will converge. But that must mean leveling down as well as leveling up, if Europe is to compete.

- The Times (London).

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OPINION

Foreign Policy: The Education of Governor Clinton

OS ANGELES — You will like Bill Clinton's foreign policy — as soon as he has one. Anyway, if you don't like what you hear, he will change it in a paragraph or two.

Given the prospect that the governor of Arkansas could become the 42d president of the United States, the time has come to consider what the man thinks about the world and America's place in it.

Judging by the evidence, particularly a

For better or worse. Clinton is not the only well-educated American who sees foreign affairs through the prism of domestic concerns.

speech at the end of last year, he has not figured that out yet, But between contradictory lines it looks to me as if a President Clinton would probably and radically change U.S. foreign and national security policy — turning to a new set of younger wise men, the class of '68 as it were, and crafting an economics-driven

American stance to replace the military-driven
American stance of the past 50 years.

"Governors know about getting jobs," said
Michael Mandelbaum of the Johus Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies "Bill Clinton understands economic foreign policy as well as anyone in the country."

By Richard Reeves

Mr. Mandelbamm is an old friend of the candidate. (They met in a hallway almost 25 years ago at University College, Oxford.) He points out that his man knows well the new business-hunting commuter routes to Japan, Germany and other places where executives and industrialists might be interested in a lowec, nonunion state like Arkansas. Left unwage, nonumou state that covernors rarely know said, of course, is that governors rarely know said, of course, is that governors rarely know much about such things as satellite intelligence,

missile throw weights or Yugoslavia. The latter point was made in the "A New Covenant for American Security" speech in December at Georgetown University, one of his many alma maters. The governor, more or less, was for everything he could think of and against most of it, 100. If nothing else, the text provided quotations for all seasons.

"Given the problems we face at home, we do have to take care of our own people and their needs first," he said that day in the fourth paragraph. "We need to remember the central lesson of the collapse of communism and the Soviet Union. We never defeated them on the field of battle. The Soviet Union collapsed from the inside out - from economic, political and spiritual failure."

So, as one would expect in these hard times, politicians who grew up with defeat in Vietnam rather than triumph in World War II choose prosperity at home over power abroad. Or does he? The sixth paragraph begins: "We can't allow this false choice between domestic policy and foreign policy to hurt our country and our economy

So Mr. Clinton chooses both, saying: "Make no mistake: Foreign and domestic

policy are inseparable in today's world."

If you are an old-fashioned Cold Warrior and any of that seems naive or neo-isolationist, move on to the next page and he becomes Star Warrior with a little neo-Reaganism: "We still must set the level of our defense spending based on what we need to protect our interests. First let's provide for a strong defense. Then we can talk about defense savings."

There is something for everyone in Clinton's Covenant, much of it a montage of the day's headlines, including a couple of demi-ideas that raise questions about either his experience or his sanity. He talks of a new consensus of concern for the security threats of ethnic violence in places like Yugoslavia. Whose security? There is nothing Americans can do about ugoslavia except to thank God that the mad killers in the Balkans no longer are important enough to ignite world wars. Another gean indicating that news is slow reaching Arkansas: "In an era of unpredictable

threats, our intelligence agencies must shift from military bean-counting to a more sophisticated understanding of political, economic and cultural conditions that can spark con-flicts." Give us a break, those are the same agencies that, at \$31 billion a year, did not notice that the Soviet Union was cracking up. It goes on, quoting John Kennedy and such For better or worse, Mr. Clinton is not the only well-educated American who sees foreign at. wen-crossated American was seeing at-fairs through the prism of domestic concerns — to the point of invasions or attempted assassinations planned not to conquer or change but just to raise morale at home. In John Kennedy's time the opposite was true domestic affairs were gauged by their impact on the U.S. foreign posture. For two years President Kennedy's principal concern about civil rights was that black demonstrations were

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embarrassing America around the world. Presumably Mr. Clinton will learn; he is a smart fellow whose roots sometimes seem to go deeper into the thinking fields of Oxford, Yale and Georgetown than into the soil of Arkansas. The other Rhodes scholars in the hallway where he met Mike Mandelbaum, who had come from Cambridge to pick up a typewriter, were Mr. Clinton's roommane, Strobe Talbott, now Time magazine's ranking international thinker, and Robert Reich, now at Harvard thinking and writing about international productivity. An even older friend who sees all diplomacy as an extension of economics, from Georgetown days, is Roger

economics, from Georgetown days, is koger Altman, a New York investment banker and former assistant secretary of the Treasury. That Class of '68 is involved, along with a few older men (particularly Anthony Lake, a Henry Kissinger National Security Council assistant who resigned in protest over the secret bombing of Cambodia in 1970), in a approves that seems more and more important: process that seems more and more important; the education of Bill Clinton.

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Personal Matters: The Media Have Been Nice to Him So Far

WASHINGTON — The only remaining suspense of the 1992 Democratic campaign is whether another scandal will strike Bill Clinton. If it does, he is ready. His strategy is to claim that he has been pilloried by press sensationalism. ("All I've been asked about by the

press are a woman I didn't sleep with and a draft I didn't dodge.") But much of the media have almost heroically tried to save him, for various reasons — ethical angst, guilt over the 1988 treatment of Gary Hart, embarrassment at being scooped by publications usually as-sociated with Elvis sightings.

And there is another reason: The press is enamored of Bill Clinton. This is the real secret love affair of

the 1992 campaign.

The coverage of the Gennifer Flowers story in January set the tone. When the tabloid Star printed her claim of an affair with Mr. Clinton, the mainstream press dismissed it as untit to print. Albert Hunt of The Wall Street Journal, for example, called it a "shabby accusation" that "distorted and contaminated not ment of some in the news media."

only the political system but the judg-After a day or two of muted coverage, most editors ignored the story. The New York Times relegated it to a tiny box. Washington Post readers had to turn to page A-8 to find out what everyone was talking about. By Ellen Ladowsky

When reporters did cover the Flowers story, virtually none could resist calling the Star a "sleazy supermarket tabloid." Yet that story had attributed quotes, on-the-record interviews and tapes.

Newsweek tried to poke holes in this account, making a fuss over minor inconsistencies in Ms. Flowers's tale. But many normally thoughtful commentators did not even try to assess the facts. Sidney Blumenthal of The New

Republic, who only months ago seemed obsessed with proving the veracity of Anita Hill's claims, dis-missed the "gandy" Ms. Flowers as the woman in red, trimmed in black to match the roots of her frosted hair." A Washington Post article said her "body language" proved that she was lying.

For many reporters, whether she told the truth was eclipsed by the question of whether infidelity was a legitimate issue. Most of the press decided it wasn't. Exit polls make clear that many voters think it was. After all, who could listen to the

tapes and not be troubled when Ms. Flowers asks Mr. Clinton what she should say if asked about her gov-ernment job? (His answer: "If they ever ask if you talked to me about it, you can say no.")

Reporters persisted in casting doubts on the recordings' authenticity even as Mr. Clinton himself was apologizing to Mario Cuomo for remarks about him on the tape. Even if what Mr. Clinton did in

private was no one's business, there was always a semiofficial press consensus that public dishonesty on his part would be politically lethal. Here Mr. Clinton's initial slippery responses should have given pause. He defended himself with carefully constructed phrases such as, "I deny that allegation," and "I

haven't seen her in public for over 10 years". Only later did he shift to a complete denial ("a woman I didn't sleep with"). Ms. Flowers's account was largely corroborated by her then roommate, a development ignored by most papers. As Hendrik Hertz-

berg of The New Republic, a Clinton admirer, has admitted, virtually nobody actually believed Mr. Clinton's denial. By the press's own standards this should make the Flowers incident an issue. So where are the stories? The same absence of scrittiny has aided Mr. Clinton through a succession of

other flaps, from reports of other sexual dalliances to less-than-upright financial dealings.

The release of his 1969 letter revealing that he tried to avoid the Vietnam draft seemed to set the press

saying that he agreed with Democrats in Congress who wanted to rely on sanctions. Apart from Time magazine, few news organizations have pressed him on this.

corps scrambling to justify it and put it into a generational context.

That controversy created obvious

difficulties for a candidate trying to

jettison his party's liberal foreign

And Control 'We'd better not. I might go into politics someday.' The press corps rooting for a candidate is nothing new. But rarely has the object of the favoritism

policy baggage, but, here again, the press came to his aid, this time by accepting his assertion that he sup-ported the Gulf War. The day the war was scheduled to begin, Governor Clinton was quoted in an Arkansas paper as

complained so bitterly about his supposed mistreatment. In a recorded conversation with

Ms. Flowers he accurately predicted the press's behavior: "They don't want to hear it." The fate of his campaign may now kinge on whether reporters decide they want to hear it after all.

The writer is a producer for the Canadian Broadcasting Corpora-tion. She contributed this comment to The New York Times.

A Time of Danger, and of Hope, for Romania's Fragile Democracy

WASHINGTON — "But you don't understand!" a Romanian told me more than a year ago when I had expressed irritation over the heated and interminable discussion he was carrying on with a compatriot over one theory of conspiracy or another. "Romania is a country in the midst of a nervous breakdown!

At the time, the December 1990 first anniversary of the fall of Nicolae Ceausescu, Romania was passing through a particularly difficult period in which nothing much appeared to happen. But much was threatened, and the ruling powers had reacted in predictably overwrought ways, cul-minating in the beating of some dozen journalists during a demonstration the night of Jan. 13, 1991.

Subsequently, coal miners descended for the fourth time on Bu-

WASHINGTON — In the United States beef is king.

More than 6.7 billion hamburgers

were sold last year at fast food res-

taurants alone. The average Ameri-

can consumes the meat of seven

1,100-pound (500-kilogram) steers in a lifetime. Some 100,000 cattle

In South America the cattle

population is approaching the hu-

man population. In Australia it

Beef has been central to the

American experience. Entrance

into the beef culture was viewed by

many immigrants as a rite of pas-sage into the middle class. Com-

menting on the failure of Europe-

an socialism to gain a foothold in

America, Werner Sombart, a Ger-

man economist, wrote: "On the

shoals of roast beef and apple pie,

the beef culture has changed into an environmental and social night-

Cattle raising is a primary factor in the destruction of the world's re-

maining tropical rain forests. Since

1960 more than a quarter of all

Central American forests have been

razed to make pastures for cattle. In

South America, 38 percent of all the

Amazon forest cleared has been for

The impact of cattle extends well

beyond the rain forest. According to

a 1991 report prepared for the Unit-

ed Nations, as much as 85 percent of

the rangeland in the Western United

States is being destroyed by over-grazing and other problems.

year in the United States goes to

grow feed and provide drinking wa-

ter for cattle and other livestock. A

Nearly half the water used each

Now, the good life promised by

all socialist utopias founder

mare for the planet.

are slaughtered every 24 hours.

has exceeded it.

charest, precipitating the forced departure last September of a prominent defender of their previous incursions, the prime minister, Petre Roman. Two weeks later, in October, a new interim government of technocrats was formed that included some members of the nominal opposition. Under the new, determined and nonpolitical prime minister, Theodor Stolojan, the difficult work of economic reform picked up speed.

Then last month something truly startling happened: Local elections toppled the ruling National Salvation Front in the major cities, including the capital, largely because 14 oppo-sition parties joined forces in a Democratic Convention and fielded a single anti-Communist slate in most

Hold Your Nose at the Steak House

By Jeremy Rifkin

ported that more than 1,200 gallons

(4,500 liters) of water are required

to produce an 8-ounce (220-gram)

Cattle raising is even a significant

factor in global warming. The burn-

ing of tropical forests to clear land

for pasture releases millions of tons

of carbon dioxide into the atmo-

sphere each year. In addition, it is

estimated that the earth's 1.28 bil-

lion cattle and other cud-chewing

animals are responsible for 12 per-

cent of the methane emitted into

States and other industrialized

countries has also contributed to

the global food crisis. Cattle and

other livestock consume more than

70 percent of the grain produced in

the United States and about a third

of the world's total grain harvest -

while nearly a billion people suffer

grow livestock feed were converted

to grow grain for human consump-

tion, America could feed an addi-

Despite the grim facts, the U.S.

government continues to pursue

policies that support cattle produc-

tion and beef consumption. For ex-

ample, at the same time that the

surgeon general is warning Ameri-

cans to reduce their consumption of

saturated fat, the Department of

Agriculture's Beef Promotion and

Research Board is trying to con-

This year the board is expected to

spend \$45 million on advertising.

vince Americans to eat more beef.

Equally troubling is the govern-

ment's grading system to measure the value of beef. Established in

1992 study by the California De-partment of Water Resources re-1927, the system grades beef on fat ment to The New York Times.

If the American land now used to

from chronic undernutrition.

tional 400 million people.

The beef addiction of the United

the atmosphere.

boneless steak in California.

localities. The elections were generally conceded to be free and fair certainly more fair than the elections that gave the Front its overwhelming victory in May 1990. Meanwhile, the U.S. Congress

holds a single powerful lever to midge the country forward: restoration of the most-favored-nation trading status eagerly sought by the present gov-ernment but denied to Romania since Mr. Ceausescu unilaterally renounced it in early 1988.

Although general elections are expected in June, the timing is by no means sure because the electoral laws for parliament and the presidency are still being debated. Senators and deputies learful of being tossed out of office have little incentive to speed up

content: the higher the fat "mar-bling," the better the beef. By fa-voring fat over lean beef, the Agri-

culture Department has helped

promote greater amounts of saturated fat in the American diet and con-

tributed to rising health care costs.

Finally, the government has been virtually subsidizing Western cattle

ranchers, providing cheap access to millions of acres of public land. To-

day 30,000 ranchers in 11 Western states pay less than \$1.92 a month per animal for the right to graze cattle on nearly 300 million acres

(120 million hectares) of public land. In 1986 the Reagan administration

In 1986 the Reagan administration estimated the market value for pas-

turing cattle on the same land to be

between \$6.40 and \$9.50 per month

The government giveaway program has resulted in the destruction

of native habitats, wildlife and the

The government's antiquated

cattle and beef policies must be overhauled. The Agriculture De-

partment, as it tried to do with the

"Eating Right" pyramid, which was abandoned under pressure from the

meat industry, needs to shift its

priorities from promoting beef con-

sumption to promoting a more bal-

anced diet with less saturated fat.

The department's grading system

should be restructured, with new

classifications that elevate the sta-

to ensure that ranchers pay the mar-

ket value for leased public lands.

And it should reduce the public acre-

age available to ranchers, to help

The writer, an environmental ac-

tivist, is author of "Beyond Beef: The Rise and Fall of the Cattle

Culture." He contributed this com-

restore the Western grasslands.

Congress should pass legislation

tus of leaner cuts of beef.

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the process. The crucial unresolved not to run in the ele questions in the two laws are the presence of national observers at the polls and the percentage of votes required for a party to be represented in the parliament — the threshold, as it is called. At present there is no threshold and thus a plethora of parties, 10 in the Chamber of Deputies and seven in the Senate, which make it much easier to divide and rule. In contrast, Bulgaria has a 4 percent threshold — the figure was taken from the German law - and three parties out of 93 registered are represented in parliament. Bulgaria was accorded favored trade

status in November. "Even Bulgaria," an unhappy Romanian official recently sighed. "And soon we will be saying. "Even Albania." But perhaps not. If the Democratic Convention continues to field a unified slate for the parliamentary elections, the blow to the Front would be grave indeed, and for the first time Romanians, most of them strongly anti-Communist, would have a reasonable chance to elect a government

free of neo-Communist taint. The presidency is another matter. If the three major opposition leaders cannot agree to field a single caudidate, there is no hope that any one of them will win. Even if the three do agree, their chances are slim.

This is an extremely dangerous period for the fragile democracy in Romanis, where the Front remains the dominant force, where power has tended to pass rather violently, and where the election results sent tremors of foreboding through the parlia-ment and the office of the president. Rumors are many — that the CIA bought the elections; that President Ion Iliescu has been offered "protection" by a great power if he agrees

former secret police. As always in the Balkan capital, facts are few. The fear, however, is real. Many members of parliament face a bleak future without the privileges of office, which include immunity. The same can be said of many of the

Roman has made a deal with the

former nomenklatura and members of the Securitate, or secret police. The United States laid down three conditions for Romanian favoredtrade status: free and fair elections: an independent television, and civil control of the former Securitate and its successor, the Romanian Intelli-gence Service. The first condition has been met in the first of the elections. Television, however, is still controlled by the government. And the director of the intelligence service re-

ports only to the president, making it alarmingly autonomous. For Romania, favored trade status would be a powerful symbol of validation by the U.S. government.

Heartened by the nascent signs of

democratic pluralism and rudimenta try political sense, and by the progress own toward a market economy, the State Department has now offered Romania the carrot of favored status. But Congress holds the stick -Congress and, perhaps, the League of Miners, again threatening to bring down the government if wage demands are not met. The progressive forces in Romania are caught between a rock and a hard place. So are the regressive forces. There has been no more perilous a time since the

revolution, and no more hopeful. The writer, a former Washington Post editor, is a novelist who has spent most of the past two years in Romania.

IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

1892: Oueen in Provence HYERES - The pure atmosphere,

with the pervading scent of the violets and the clear blue sky of the land of Provence, go to make the hill of Costebelle an ideal home. Everyone seems to feel it a duty to carefully avoid any intrusion on the privacy of Queen Victoria, and probably not even in her borne in the Scottish Highlands, where she is revered and beloved by all, does Her Majesty feel more secure from prying eyes or in-convenient curiosity than here.

1917: Fatal Food Riots

ZURICH -- According to reliable information received here, 67 women were killed during food riots at Kiel where shops were raided by infuriated and hungry mobs. Similar riots have taken place at Hamburg, where a large number of shops were also pillaged. And in many other towns the police took measure of extreme violence, to stop the disorders, which

were rapidly developing the character of a general uprising. The revolution in Russia has caused great excitement. throughout Germany. And in they Reichstag yesterday [March 23] Harr Kunert, the Labor Deputy, attacked the Kaiser and the Government for the deplorable state of public health and the decrease in births and increased mortality caused by famine and unsanitary conditions.

1942: Savage Fighting

MOSCOW — [From our New York edition:] The Germans have hurled 600,000 reserves into a massive hur futile effort to wrest the initiative from the Red Army, the Russians reported tonight [March 24], saying 16,000 of the enemy had been killed on the Leningrad front alone in the last two weeks. More than thirty-eight newly arrived Nazi divisions were declared unofficially to be taking part in fight-ing raging from one end of the front to the other, with battles in some areas 25 savage as any in this war.

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By Sylvia Nasar

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By Paul Lewis UNITED NATIONS 1 of a five-week conference of the United States diagong prospects for the lor Rio de Janeiro in J These countries said that by sale to promise more envi alimits for emissions of gaser distribute to global warming. the most important agreements the laken up at the Rio meet the purpose of the Rio to Im participants from I 10 countries, is to plan best without irreversible

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Where Bush Failed, Clinton Can Get It Right

political freedom:

"We cannot disregard how other gov-

ernments treat their own people, wheth-

N EW YORK — The way American politics is working out, a governor of Arkansas has the opportunity to take up a task of transcending importance that a president of the United States has left undone.

The job is to tell the people of America and of the world exactly what the United States should do and plans to do

ON MY MIND

with the influence it still commands, before it is completely frittered away. This is Governor Bill Clinton's great chance not only to look presidential but to act presidential. It comes to him because he is the likely Democratic candidate — and because George Bush has failed so sadly to carry it out himself.

After more than three years in office, with all horizons open to him because of the fall of communism and the triumph of American arms, these are some of the results of President Bush's foreign policy stewardship:

1. The United States acts worried,

frightened and confused about the fall of communism, as if it were a kind of global pain in the neck, not a time for joy, helping and leadership.

2. In the Middle East, Mr. Bush has

left Saddam Hussein in power, Iraq's nuclear capacity still in existence, mil-lions of Iraqis hunted and starved in the mountains and swamps. 3. Now Mr. Bush is destroying the

Israeli-Arab peace talks by demon-strating the one thing that he has managed to make clear about his foreign policy: his determination to cancel Israel's status as an ally or even a - will need to win in November.

By A. M. Rosenthal

worthy friend of the United States. 4. On China, he vetoes every congressional effort to lift a finger to dissuade Beijing from tortuning and imprisoning dissidents. They never had dreamt this terrible thing - that America would turn its back on them.

He allows China to peddle slave-labor goods to the United States and missiles to the dictatorships. He walks away from the Tibetans - as he has from Kurds, Balts and Haitians.

5. In the breakup of Yugoslavia, the plans and goals of Bush-Baker policy are known, but to God alone.

But it is not unfathomable, this record in a man so endowed with experience and power. One thing has been missing in Mr. Bush. He has never really shown that he understands the strength of America's greatest asset: political democracy. It is what most people long for, and so many have died for. It is the one historically reliable barrier to war: Democracies do not attack democracies.

He does not get it. George Bush lost George Bush. Lost, Mr. Bush protects a Chinese

tyranny that gave us the Khmer Rouge. He appeases Middle Eastern dictatorships that live by war against neighbors or their own people. He seems in mourning for the Communist Soviet Kremlin of the Gorbachev era. Those who voted for him but are now saddened by him are the people Mr. Clinton — or any other Democrat

Mr. Clinton gave a firm hedge on the er their domestic institutions are demo-Gulf War last year and recently gave cratic or repressive, whether they help another on how to deal with Saddam. encourage or check illegal conduct be-youd their borders ... Democracies don't go to war against each other." To win on Election Day, he must soon show himself more candidly and clear-

ly - Paul Tsongas talking Southern. The polls may keep telling him that The governor made a good start in a voters do not care about foreign afforeign policy speech at Georgetown fairs. But Mr. Clinton can best show University, in Washington. It has its respect for himself and the voters by share of platitudes, but it is rich and reminding us over and over that the thoughtful with details about specific safety, jobs and hopes of Americans strategic and political goals, too many to cover in one column. At its heart are so tied to the world that foreign policy is domestic policy. seems to be an understanding of democratic realism — the meaning, strength and stabilizing power of

If he keeps thinking and keeps talking about the value of democratic realism to his country and the peace of the world, he will never lose himself, or Americans who vote for him.

The New York Times.



A Bit of Solace for the Afrikaner

WASHINGTON —I know a young Afrikaner in South Africa who grew to hate himself, to hate his Afrikanemess and his whiteness with its stigma of racism, so much that it

literally drove him mad. When he left high school Koos had wanted to be a dominee, a minister of the Dutch Reformed Church. But the master of the college saw the rage in him and asked him to leave.

He tried to kill himself. The psychiatrists called it schizophrenia, calmed him down and sent him back into society. When I last saw Koos a few years ago

he was working for a black-run antiapartheid newspaper in deep trouble with the government, then under Presi-dent Pieter Botha, and loving it. The security police were such frequent visitors that, like everybody else on the paper, he knew them by their names, heir foibles, the cigarettes they smoked.
It was a cat-and-mouse life that he relished for its focus. But his dark eyes

were haunted by a bitterness that I suspect had less to do with his circumstances than with the who and the why of his own existence. I thought of Koos last week, as the results of Tuesday's white referendum came in, confirming what should have been a widespread expectation: that

with the chips down, two-thirds of white South Africans are prepared to cast their lot with the black majority.

I don't know if Koos voted, but he was too politically involved to have stayed aloof, especially if it meant pulling the chain on white exclusivity. It would not have quenched the fires within him, but it

be counted among the majority. It is something that I too now understand, although my circumstances were

might have brought him solace to at last

By Peter Honey

quite different from Koos's. Though part-Afrikaner, I was reared in an Eng-lish-speaking opposition household, without the passion, the Calvinist gloom and the fears of extinction that define the Afrikaner psyche.

This week, for the first time in my 39 years, I have begun to feel at ease with my provenance. No longer is there that self-conscious twinge when I tell the curious that I was born in South Africa.

Like Koos, though, and probably like

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most of the nearly two million who voted for reform, I doubt that we will ever feel quite free of the injustices inflicted on generations of our black compatriots. Nor should we. Nor should the Germans for the Holocaust.

Which is why the referendum was so important. It gave white South Africans the chance — forced them, really — to stand alone briefly, with only a pencil and their consciences, to shove aside their whiteness, their ideological and ethnic differences, and simply be South Africans. That is not easy when all your life you have been defined as a minority - as a minority of a minority in a society locked up in boxes of minorities.

That it took a whites-only vote to do it is sadly ironic. But as President Frederik de Klerk said afterward, there was "an element of justice" in asking the white South Africans who started apartheid to let him negotiate an end to it; to deal away their monopoly on power and their social and economic domination.

"It doesn't often happen that in one

lowest in Japan, France and Switzer-land. When it comes to the most lethal

category, deaths from coronary heart

disease alone, the United States and

Australia have the lowest rates among

Since 1969, the coronary heart disease

death rates of Americans and Austra-

lians have fallen by more than half,

according to the World Health Organi-

zation. The comparable death rates de-

males aged 35 to 74.

generation a nation gets the opportunity to rise above itself," he said. "The white electorate has risen above itself."

It is easy to point out, as several commentators have done, that without threats of renewed sanctions, diplomatic isolation, black uprising, economic disaster and the rest, Mr. de Klerk's mandate would not have been so secure. That is indisputable. He might have won it anyway, but anything less than two-thirds would have been a doubtful mandate.

But really, are the means as important as the act? Should Americans, Dutch and Germans pat one another on the back and say, as some now seem to be doing.
"Without us they would have been lost"?

To speak as if the struggle against racial domination in South Africa began a few years ago; to think that this is just about racism, bigotry, the good of boys; is not only to misunderstand the last 150 years of South African history, but to demean the agonies of thousands of South Africans, of all races and creeds, who fought for liberty in successive ages long before "apartheid" existed. Conflict, division and suffering character-ized the Afrikaner nation even before it

sought to call itself that.
That almost 876,000 whites were so stubborn, or fearful or deluded, or all of those, as to defy the universal will and vote "no" to integration, is unspeakably sad. And dangerous. For among them are perhaps a few dozen heavily armed desperadoes who, knowing finally that they have no hope of stopping majority rule by constitutional means, are almost certain to raise the level of violence. One bullet can do a lot of damage.

But all is not lost. The no-group and I call them that because they are not all Afrikaners — may shrink further if the white-instigated violence escalates. Many, probably a majority, who are uncomfortable with the bloodshed, may join those who believe in negotiating with blacks, not for majority rule, but for secession in a "white fatherland."

The idea of letting the no-group have its own homeland is gaining acceptance, even among leaders of the African National Congress. Here again, the referen-dum helped by showing a geographic pattern of resistance to reform: The rural northern Transvaal, settled 100 years ago by the most embittered Boer trekkers, was the only one of 15 regions that

produced a majority "no" vote.
But if you think this handful of fearful whites, consisting of less than 2.5 percent of the greater population, is the only intransigent group in South Africa, wait until the constitutional negotiators get to tinkering with Chief Mangosuthu Buthe-lezi's Zulus in Natal, and the Tswanas of Bophuthatswana in the north ... Clearly some sort of federal structure

beckons. The alternative would be force. Why should people who crave minority identity be forced to assimilate when they pose no threat to the greater nation? Americans, more than most, should understand that.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

For Earth and Children

In a few months, world leaders will gather in Rio de Janeiro for the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, one of the most important meetings of our time. It is of utmost importance, for mankind's sake, that this "Earth Summit" succeed.

As Swedish prime minister I had the

honor of being an initiator of the World Summit for Children, which took place in New York in 1990. The far-reaching convention to which leaders there committed their countries must be respected. The Earth Summit, too, aspires to commit nations to common rules and values. In the so-called Stockholm Initiative

on Common Security and Global Govemance of April 1991, several leaders called on all countries to be imaginative in the post-Cold War era and to create new forms of global leadership.

In what should be the real revolution of our time, we must create a democratic, just and humane world, with equal rights for nations, with equal rights for people. In particular that concerns

our children, who are our future. I ask all those in leadership positions in the United Nations and in Brazil, as host to the Earth Summit, to use their power to fight the injustices that lead to the suffering of the children, and to help support an initiative to that effect being placed before the Earth Summit.

INGVAR CARLSSON. Chairman of the Swedish Social Democratic Party. Stockholm.

Japan: Not a Model for All

Regarding "Japan Wants Strings on Aid" (Business/Finance, March 9): Your report states that Tokyo is urg-

ing the World Bank and other lending agencies to require developing nations to give their governments a more inter-

ventionist role in developing their economies as a condition for receiving loans. As the second-largest contributor to the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund, Japan is justified in

adopt lending policies diametrically opposed to those now in force.

Japan's own economic rise has been due less to the government's role in economic policy formulation than to factors including ethnic homogeneity, long workweeks, the commitment of its citizens to consume less than they produce and, above all, relatively free access to Western markets while keeping its own market heavily protected. Japan's experience is of little relevance to developing nations. India has long used the state to regu-

late private activity; its economic progress lags behind that of the less interven-tionist South Korea and Taiwan. Laissezfaire Malaysia's per capita GNP is five times that of the more interventionist Sri Lanka's, though the two countries started at the same level in 1960.

Developing countries should look not to Japan but to the American model, allowing the market the freedom to channel sufficient investment into appropriate sectors. Countries like Mexico. Indoneattaching strings or being selective in the bilateral aid it administers directly. But zania and the East European nations are

it must not push the World Bank to engaged in real free-market reforms. Japan should not urge them to change now. M. VASUDEVAN.

The Great Foie Gras Case

Regarding the report "French Diet Redux: Hold the Foie Gras" (March 5) and a letter (March 13) from Dr. Marian Apfel-baum in Paris, "French Mystery Persists":

But there is no mystery. Good diet lies in ancestral eating habits with good wines and olive oil. Drink a glass of wine, eat some olives, put your feet up, relax and watch the blue sky. It won't beat Toyota but it will beat heart diseasc. E se non è vero è ben trovato ... GERALDINE DALLAS.

The California nutrition guru Adelle Davis, who coined the phrase "You are what you eat," died merely 70 in 1974. I now fear for Dr. Marion Nestle, the New York nutritionist cited in your report as critical of French eating habits. As for me, I will continue to have my

foie gras fix and perhaps will live to a ripe old age. My father just died at 97. I guess he had too much goose liver.

CARL-HORST BRUNE. Edingen, Germany.

As a longtime cholesterol sufferer, I thought I had my problem sorted out, eschewing (although not always very scrupulously) a variety of delicious foods including foie gras. Now I read that, according to the specialist of the day, fore gras and goose fat can be either good or bad for you. In my refrigerator I have stocks of foie gras. May I eat it? Can you tell me? PETER G. McANDREW.

Editor's note: Readers with misgivings about their holdings of quality fole gras may send these to the editor for disposal.

It is fun to speculate about differences between French and American dietary habits, but there can be confusion in the statistics. Death rates from cardiovascular diseases in general, including heart attacks and stroke, are

clined in France during the period, but by only 16 percent. So, Messieurs, hold the cheese, and go easy on the red wine. JAMES MAGEE Editor, Heart at Risk.

Geneval Is it really beyond the powers of medical science to clear this matter up? We are told that the French consume more fole gras than they ought to. (More wine and shellfish and butter, too, one supposes.) We are further informed, as I understand it, that the French are fitter than the Americans.

There's something fishy in Denmark. OLD CHICAGO GENTLEMAN.

school seniors a year. Computers will make test dates more flexible and give instant scores. But

GENERAL NEWS

Friedrich von Hayek, Free-Market Economist, Is Dead at 92

By Sylvia Nasar New York Times Service

Friedrich von Hayek, an economist and philosopher who championed free-market economics, died Monday in Freiburg, Germany. He was 92 years old.

His most famous work was "The Road to Serfdom" (1944), which predicted that collectivism would fail and warned Europe and the United States of the dangers of socialism and big government.

"It provided a rallying cry for free-market intellectuals during what was for them the dark days of the 1940s," said Edward Crane, president of the Cato Institute, a conservative policy group in the United States. "He proved to be very prescient."

bei Memorial Prize in Economic Science in 1974 for his work in the 1920s and 1930s on money, prices and business cycles. A British citizen of Austrian

birth who taught at the University of Chicago during the 1950s, Mr. Hayek had lived in Freiburg for nearly three decades. Stephen Kresge, who is editing his collected works — 18 books, 15

pamphlets and 142 articles - said, It was one of those ironies that he was widely read in Eastern Europe at a time when he wasn't being read in the West."

Mr. Hayek influenced virtually every prominent free-market economist, from Milton Friedman to George Stigler, as well as providing intellectual fodder for some of the

Mr. Hayek was awarded the No-Reagan administration's young died of cancer Saturday in Owings el Memorial Prize in Economic turks, including Martin Anderson, Mills, Maryland. Mr Reagan's first domestic-policy adviser, and Paul Craig Roberts. assistant secretary of the Treasury for economic policy.

An ardent opponent of most government intervention in the economy, he was all but ignored by other economists for 30 years after World War II, although he was respected for early contributions to monetary theory.

Harry M. Orlinsky, **Riblical Scholar**

New York Times Service Harry M. Orlinsky, 84, the Effic Wise Ochs Professor of Biblical Literature at Hebrew Union Col-

Mr. Orlinsky was a member of a

committee that produced the 1952 Revised Standard Version of the Bible, the official Bible of Protestants in America. Mr. Orlinsky was the only Jewish scholar to be invited into the group.

He was asked again to join a translation committee that served as co-authors of the New Revised Standard Version of the Bible, which major Protestant churches introduced in 1990.

Again, Mr. Orlinsky was the only Jewish member of a group made up of the Protestant and Orthodox denominations represented in the National Council of Churches, as well lege-Jewish Institute of Religion, as Roman Catholics.



York - Rich and poor countries attending a five-week conference here said the United States was endangering prospects for the international environmental meeting planned for Rio de Janeiro in June.

These countries said that by refusing to promise more environmental aid to the Third World or to set limits for emissions of gases that contribute to global warming, the United States threatens to sabotage

than 170 countries, is to plan for a world economy that can continue to grow without irreversible eco-

21, an ambitious, international environmental cleanup plan for the next century, because of Third World requests for additional aid and new environmental technologies from industrialized northern

countries. The 12 European Community countries as well as Canada and Scandinavia, are all ready to provide additional aid, but have not committed themselves to specific

the European Community, an-

Bastos, said, adding that Europe

that did not require detailed commitments unacceptably weak. In a clear reference to the United States, Mr. Bastos said it would be "a futile exercise" for Europe to press ahead with its own climate stabilization plan unless "other re-

gions" joined in. Partly because of these disagree-170 countries meeting to prepare entered its fourth week with little

global environment will only be safe when it has been abolished. As a result, the conference is bogged down in quarrels over economic and social issues that at first

ments, the conference of more than sight seem far removed from the environment, including debt relief, the agenda for the Rio meeting has slum clearance, the Uruguay Round of trade talks, and subsidies for northern farmers that block the But progress is also being agricultural exports of poor com-

ty and its effects as a fundamental

environmental threat and says the

quarrels between the North and the

"With 60 per cent of our time gone, we've only negotiated 5 to 10 percent of the output," Canada's chief delegate, John Bell, who is chairman of the group dealing with financial questions, said last week. "Increased funding for the developing world is absolutely central. It's frustrating we haven't even started negotiations."

clear that the developing world re-mained unhappy with Washington's stance, saying: "Without financial commitments, it is difficult to know how this will all end. That's the biggest stumbling block for the developing world."

Agenda 21, the 800-page global environmental action plan, lays down new goals and standards in

virtually every field. To carry out their part of this

AMERICAN TOPICS Enlarging Pentagon

As Military Shrinks Although the U.S. military is scheduled to shrink by at least 25 percent by 1995, the U.S. Defense Department says it wants to refurbish and expand its 50-year-old headquarters at a cost of \$1 billion, The New York Times reports. The 6.5million-square-foot (585,000-square-meter) Pentagon would get a 500,000-square-foot annex on an

adjoining parking lot. The project is drawing oppo-sition on Capitol Hill. Representative John P. Murtha, Democrat of Pennsylvania, who heads the House Appropriations subcommittee that oversees military spending, said, "Building more space when we're reduc-

ing people doesn't make any damn sense." Spokesmen point out that the Defense Department owns only about two-thirds of the 22.4 million square feet of office space it uses in the Washington area, including the Pentagon itself, and leases the remainder. It costs twice as much to rent than to own, they say, and so a bigger headquarters makes sense.

Since the two-story annex would be partly underground and landscaped, the Pentagon would still be pentagon-shaped.

Short Takes

Starting in October, graduate school applicants who take the Graduate Record Examination will have the choice of doing it by pencil or on a computer. The computerized method is being developed for other standardized tests as well, in-cluding the Scholastic Aptitude Test for undergraduate admissions, taken by about a million high

some educators say the new tests could put many students unfamiliar with computers at a disadvan-

About 40 million Americans do crossword puzzles, the Los Angeles Times reports, but "many of the puzzles printed each day are out of touch with new, younger puzzle solvers." Stanley Newman, puzzle editor for Long Island's Newsday, said, Virtually no one under the age of 50 is doing crosswords." This trend could be reversed, he suggests, if puzzles become more current, clever and humorous. For him, a "bet middler" is a bookie. Words that are encountered nowhere except in crossword puzzles, like aril, ara, ore and ret, should be retired, he says, and "there should be almost no words that wouldn't be used in conver-

The latest attempt to establish a U.S. national repertory theater is Tony Randall's National Actors Theater in Manhattan. "Some theater companies take years to develop and refine a distinctive style, but the National Actors Theater has accomplished this feat in a single season," writes Frank Rich of The New York Times. "The director, whoever he may be, assumes that the classic play at his disposal is near death, or at least thought so by the audience, and must be resuscitated by being pounded out by the actors, with waving arms and often at top volume. If the actors stand in place while declaiming you're at a drama. If they are jumping up and down, it's comedy tonight."

People see films at home these days on their video-cassette recorders, Tony Kornheiser writes in The Washington Post. Some children have never seen the inside of a movie house. "I took my kids to see 'Hook' at a theater," he recalls, "and my 5-year-old asked, 'Where'd they get such a big TV?"

Plight of America's Children

Social and Medical Health Declined in '80s

By Spencer Rich

Washington Post Service
WASHINGTON — The social and health condition of children in the United States deteriorated

in the 1980s, according to a new report. Six of nine indicators of social well-being, used to measure how children fared, showed that children were worse off at the end of the decade than at the start, according to the KIDS COUNT Data Book issued by the Annie E. Casey Foundation and the Center for the Study of Social Policy.

The data book compared changes in children's status on the nine measures of well-being. These were among the findings: • The proportion of children living below the

government's poverty line increased from 16 per-cent of all children in 1979 to 19.5 percent at the end of the 1980s. • Births to unmarried teenagers climbed from 7.5 percent to 8.6 percent of all births.

of all children. • More babies are born at risk because they are underweight, increasing from 6.8 percent of births

More children live in families with only one

parent, rising from 21 percent to about 24 percent

The proportion of young people graduating from high school on time remained steady at about

• The chances that a teenager will die as a result of an accident, suicide or murder rose from 62 to 69 deaths per 100,000 children ages 15 to 19.

• More young people ages 10 to 15 are required

by juvenile courts to spend formative years away

from their families and communities because the are in trouble, rising from 142 to 156 per 100,000 Two areas of improvement were in reducing infant mortality, which dropped from 12.6 per 1,000 live births to 9.8 by 1989. Deaths of children

ages 1 to 14 dropped from 39.5 per 100,000 children to 32.4. Judith Weitz, a researcher at the Center for the Study of Social Policy, said, "It is clear that the

children's crisis we see in the figures is really a family crisis." Because of economic changes, families have less real income and less time as they juggle work and family, she said. In addition, the economy has put extra stress on families. Divorce and single parenthood are more socially acceptable. "Declining wages, particularly for young people, have had an impact on family formation," she said.

"Our political leaders have not responded to these dramatic changes in family life with any sustained commitment to coherent family poli-

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By Paul Lewis
New York Tones Service UNITED NATIONS, New

> the two most important agreements to be taken up at the Rio meeting. The purpose of the Rio talks, which are expected to draw thousands of participants from more

logical damage.
The U.S. stand threatens Agenda

Andrew Color The U.S. reluctance to commit to capping its emissions of "greenhouse" gases at 1990 levels by the year 2000 imperils agreement on the planned new international convention on stabilizing the global climate, which is supposed to be the centerpiece of the Rio agree-

negotiations on the climate treaty. the United States and about key countries have been invited to a meeting in Paris on April 15 in an attempt to resolve the standoff before the final round of negotiations opens in New York on April 30, Portugal, the current president of

nounced Monday. "It would be a pity if the convention had to be postponed until after Rio," Portugal's representative to the United Nations, João Pereira progress to report.

EC Orders a Cut of Sulfur in Fuels

By Marlise Simons

New York Times Service

PARIS - Environmental ministers of the Euro-

pean Community have ordered a sharp cutback in the sulfur content of all diesel and heating oil within two and a half years. The decision will make the fuel used to heat homes and drive the trucks and buses that crowd European roads cleaner but more expensive.

Sulfur dioxide from coal and oil burning has

covered cities with soot, corroded metal and stone, affected people's lungs, and, in acid rain, has damaged nearly 75 percent of Europe's forests. European officials said the need for cleaner diesel fuel has gained all the more urgency because new studies predicted a trade boom in the coming single European market, which could increase truck traffic and the resulting pollution by as much

as 30 percent. Under the restrictions issued in Brussels on Monday, sulfur content in oil by October 1994 must be down to 0.2 percent, almost half the level in fuel used now in several countries. By 1996, sulfur must be cut even more, and drop down to 0.02 percent. In the United States, the Clean Air Act requires that sulfur content in fuel be no more than 0.5 percent by October 1993.

refineries to make large new investments in equip-ment almost immediately. They will prove particu-

output of sulfur oxides. The United States accounts for close to 21 percent. Parliament, which has criticized them as too lenient and wants to move the changes up by another year, to 1993. Some scientists want immediate



Mr. von Hayek warned of the dangers of big government.

U.S. Accused of Endangering Environment Talks

The tighter standards will force many European larly costly in the short term to companies in southern Europe, which, in contrast to those in Belgium, Denmark, Germany, Luxembourg, and the Netherlands still produce highly polluting fuel oil. Sulfur cuts will also apply to fuel used by

Once the limits are in effect, Community offi-

But the restrictions will not affect about 13

million tons of sulfur a year that are produced by

power plants and industrial boilers using oil and

coal. This accounts for 13 percent of the world

cials said, they will reduce the sulfur emissions by I

million tons a year.

The rules still need approval by the European drastic cuts in all forms of oil and coal burning.

slowed, delegates said, by the breadth and complexity of the agenda because it identifies pover-taking up time and reopening old

Asked about America's reluctance to provide aid, Pakistan's UN representative, Jamsheed K. A. Marker, current president of the Group of 71, as the developing countries call themselves, said that he did not wish to single out the policies of any individual countries for public criticism. But he made

Chile's delegate, Vincent San-chez, said: "This conference could fail. We've agreed on absolutely nothing of real significance so far."

agenda, developing countries say they would require \$70 billion in additional aid each year over the \$55 billion they currently receive from northern industrialized coun-

PARIS FASHION

Ungaro's 25th Anniversary

Joyous Colors and Rich Prints in the '90s Mood

By Suzy Menkes

ARIS - Emanuel Ungato's head peeped out from a cluster of befeathered models as they celebrated backstage his 25 years in

"All I want to do is to go on working," said the couturier who had sent out a lively show that received a warm ovation. Fans in the audience were misty-eyed. "Shocking pink satin pants, em-

broidered bloose and a cap with a veil." said Marisa Berenson, who was wearing a colorful sunshineyellow coat and crocodile-leather skirt, and describing her first outfit from Ungaro in the 1970s.
"A Prince of Wales check dress,

straight and simple — rather like this coat," said Anouk Aimée, who was once romantically attached to the designer. She was wearing a herringbone tweed coat rigorously

cut but with full sleeves.
"Never forget Emanuel's origins as a tailor," said Betty Lagadère, wearing a curvy black suit with colored buttons, and remembering a bright green outfit with flowered blouse that she wore as an Ungaro

Ungaro was true to himself in his joyous colors and rich prints, yet he had tailored his look to the new mood of the 1990s. The evening clothes were still pretty fancy, but simplicity was the keynote of a collection that opened with plain pantsuits in masculine fabrics, softened with flowered blouses. Colors in this fine first scene were very quiet, with just a sliver of brightness in the headbands of cloche

HE news was in the jackets, which were cut very long to mid-thigh to balance both just-abovethe-knee crystal pleated skirts (a new length) and mid-calf hemlines. In a subtle masculine/feminine twist, pantsuits were shown throughout with high heels and long skirts with flat shoes. Ungaro kept control of color and pattern by throwing a long mandarin-juice coat over a mole-brown suit, by putting bright jackets against black or beige, or by making outfits in

Sonja Knapp's striking prints for Ungaro in the 1970s helped to make his reputation. There was a sophisticated echo of the ethnic spirit in rough-weave fabrics, folklore patterns and paisley motifs, and in the easy-to-move-in long skirts.

All Ungaro's customers emphasize the designer's love of women and his desire to make the most of femininity. The provocative curves that outlined his signature swathed dresses in the 1980s had been softened, but there was still some steam: red and black leather; skinny jeans with rhinestones picking out the the jacket, slim in the gray flamel pockets; and defiantly pert cocktail dresses that contoured the bosom, breaking out in lampshade skirts.

The finale was by far the best of the evening wear: two shockingpink and emerald-green feather capes came off to reveal black velvet



Ungaro's long folkloric skirts; below, the designer.



dresses, suspended from jeweled straps. They were cut with all the technical skill that Ungaro learned during six years with Balenciaga.

"He established, forever, the premises and foundations of the modernity and actuality of our work," says Ungaro, in a homage to his maître in "Ungaro," the book cele-brating his 25 years, to be launched Wednesday at the Italian Embassy.

Oscar de la Renta has found his niche as the American in Paris. He showed clothes an elegant woman might want to wear - with all the jodhpur pants. Pantsuits? Make them long

legs and top off with a Tyrolean

Long skirts? Split them, slice them, give them a twirl and show them in olive or russet strictly for

the country. Uptown lnnch? So here's the

check: houndstooth big and bold, with a smaller size for the short

> Black tie benefit? Make it short, make it flirty, curve the bodice, drape that chiffon.

The fashion-to-a-formula worked, because de la Renta can cut a good jacket — paneled or braided in velvet. He is good at assembling the current fashion looks, and at cutting a glamorous

If the long knitted dresses were drab, the big coats that went over them were a riot of color, especially in sheared mink patterned with bright houndstooth.

"I don't think woman should feel threatened by long skirts," said the designer before the show. There was nothing to scare the client nor to make the fashion pulse race.

thoroughbred, luxurious clothes down the runway like it was a dressage ring. Deluxe double-face with emerald, or electric blue backing navy - came over skin-tight

Three-button pantsuits were so l-bred they deserved a rosett Horse-blanket checks made a swirling long skirt. There was hardly a fault, except when the house showed a hooded bolero cape, and an awkward long skirt.

Hermès is good at what it does well, which is satin-soft leather and the ever-inventive silk prints, which this season included a library of leather-bound books and a sea-

scape of rippling water. This elegant parade might have broken into a gallop if Hermes had put naughty black leather pants — this season's hot item — under the

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national Herald Tribu ONDON -- "Moby Dick" at the Piccadilly has been roundly

abused by most of my colleagues but may turn out to be one of those musicals everybody hates except the public. Though far from perfect, it has a kind of daft energy, and promises to become the "Rocky Horror Show" of the high seas. In a time of weary Hollywood facsimiles like "Some Like It Hot" or fiascos like "Matador" and "Bernadette," we should at least be willing to welcome something as strangely inventive as a great white whale sing-along.

By Sheridan Morley

The origins of this Robert Longden-Hereward Kaye score seem to lie not so much in Herman Melville as in those St. Trinian's movies of the 1950s for which Alastair Sim would hand himself into cocktail dresses and high heels to play headmistresses in extremis. Here it is a girl's school in deep economic trouble, staging a fund-raising dra-matization of "Moby Dick" in the empty swimming pool, Several of the cast are men

playing girls, one or two are men playing guis playing men, and the rest are just girls.

Occasionally they all group together to
play the Whale, which is no stranger than the ncers who last year had to be the Bull in "Matador" and about as funny. Only a vintage cabaret singer called Tony Monopoly

LONDON THEATER

has quite the right manic lunacy, though I did grow kind of fond of a sailor given to impersonating Judy Garland in times of maritime crisis. An oddball evening.

Insofar as there is ever much of a debate about the heart and soul of Britain as a nation, it might be expected to take place during election campaigns. That the current ign is signally lacking in such debate makes it all the better that we have "Heartbreak House" at the Haymarket.

Paul Scofield is now George Bernard Shaw's Captain Shotover, the mad old sea dog hovering like some benign Prospero over a British isle that is still full of noises but no

Harrison gave what was, after Professor Higgins, the performance of his career as Shotover, in a production also starring Diana Rigg and Rosemary Harris. Trevor Nunn now challenges that memory with a still starrier cast: Vanessa Redgrave and Felicity Kendal are the danghters, Daniel Massey the ineffable Hector Hushabye and Imogen Stubbs the innocent-abroad Ellie Dunn. True, the play itself (modestly described

by Shaw as "my King Lear") remains some-thing of a problem. GBS seems to have intended also to write the English "Cherry Orchard," since he subtitled it "a fantasia in the Russian manner on English themes," but then to have come up with an Edwardian "Hay Fever" in which several strangers arrive at a country house to be roundly insulted and embarrassed by its residents, presided over by the ancient mariner figure of Shotover Shaw, trying to make some sort of sense

of the unholy muddle of World War I.

When the last act apocalypse comes, with bombs raining from the skies, we are left uncertain whether to cheer or mourn. But longer so very magical.

Ten years ago, on the same stage, Rex most of them Scofield's. Trevor Num is to

be congratulated for getting him back into a major role, and more on getting from Vanessa Redgrave the first restrained, intelligent and unembarrassing performance she has given on stage these many years.

At Wyndham's, Jimmie Chinn's "Straight

and Narrow" is a new play that looks at times like the pilot for a yet-unmade television situation comedy. Its star and narrator is Nicholas Lyndhurst, himself the veteran of several tele-sitcoms, who amiably leans against the side of the proscenium arch to tell us a gentle little tale about going on holiday with his gay friend (Neil Daglish), only to have the friend leave him on the beach for a new alliance with a woman. But at the heart of this domestic battle is

Lyndhurst's mother, Carmel McSharry, who has steadfastly refused to believe that her son is gay, let alone that his friend is too. It is only at the end, when she and her son are left face to face with the realization that there is no family secret except their inability to articulate it, that an otherwise pleasant little caper catches fire. In that moment, both Lyndhurst and McSharry are infinitely touching. Allan Davis directs.

Singing Along With the Whale At the Piccadilly in London, Tony Monopoly plays the headmistress of a girl's school putting on a musical version of "Moby Dick."

ethe fashion pulse race. ERMES trotted its Jim Robinson, Naugahyde Guy in Hollywood

By Kim Masters Washington Post Service

OS ANGELES - Something about Jim Robinson says "car dealer." He isn't very tall. His face is pink, broad and squarish. He looks mischievons, ready to wheel and deal: His left eyebrow rises and the right side of his mouth curls a little. He wears, yes, a gold chain. You can't see it when he goes out to do business, though, because he always puts on a tie and jacket for those occasions. But he's Jim Robinson, so we're not talking Armani. "A Naugahyde guy," says oue

studio chairman. "A good old boy from Baltisays another nattily dressed

Oh, how Hollywood loves to underestimate Robinson. well-behaved riding jackets. "I have problems with people enough to get Robinson anointed a

who all of a sudden are in the movie business," says a veteran producer. In fact, Robinson has been around for years, having first made his fortune in cars - selling them, souping them up, transporting them, you name it - from his home base in Maryland.

But let them talk. Last summe Robinson's company, Morgan Creek Productions, clobbered two big studios at their own game by ing "Robin Hood: Prince of Thieves" before they could get their versions off the ground. Before that, Robinson's company made "Young Guns" and "Major League" for money; and "Dead Ringers" and "Enemies: A Love Story" for love.

That's a mix of profit and pres tige that would delight any studio executive. But it hasn't been

"player." And with his turbo-charged ego, it bugs him a little — might be a fast track, it might be a everyone watched to see how Robas much as you can get bugged when you're counting a pile of happens."
money. At least \$350 million in If anything grosses on "Robin Hood" worldwide — "so much damn money. I with his absolute, positive certainty way. That caused some friction, swear to Christ I didn't think anythat he's figured it out, completed which both men say has been resolved from the say has been resolved. off a movie," Robinson boasts.

That and an Oscar nomination for Best Song.

He's done what he set out to do. When he came to Hollywood, he says, he was "absolutely determined not to be a schlemiel," not to blow good money on bad deals. He didn't want to get sucked in and used up, like so many well-tanned burnouts who do lunch at Jimmy's and talk about projects that won't happen.

"This isn't Towson, Maryland," he says, sitting at his unpretentious desk in his Century City office, "People are more intense here, but

offering at the Vieux-Colombier in March 1993, an evening of two

plays by Nathalie Sarrante, "Le Si-

The company will have five new

productions in its main theater: Sophocles' "Antigone," Carlo Gol-doni's "La Serva amorosa," Mo-

lière's "Impromptu de Versailles,"

Balzac's "Le Faiseur," and "Le

lence" and "Elle est la."

his studies, knows what he's doing Knows what you're doing. And can do it better.

Kevin Reynolds can tell you how it is. The director of "Robin Hood," as it happens, never saw the completed film. He and Robinson tangled during production and finally Robinson shoved him aside and changed the locks on the edit-ing-room door. "It's something I've just tried to put behind me," Reyn-olds says now. "It was so nightmarish. They just came and took the film away.

Robinson says it wasn't so bad bracing, maybe, but fun_"It was like going down the tracks and building the locomotive as you go along," he says. In 1987, Robinson teamed up

with Joe Roth, a young producer.
Robinson founded Morgan Creek, named for a loopy Preston Sturges comedy, "The Miracle of Morgan's Creek," and Roth got credit for comed, "The morne to stead some the company to the every creative decision the company made, Roth was the charismatic one, the filmmaker, the talent masseur. Robinson wrote the checks. In 1989, Roth became chairman

of 20th Century-Fox. "No, I did not want him to leave," Robinson says. "But how many lawyers would say, "I don't want to be a Supreme Court justice'? Man,

tough track, but this is where it inson would manage. He started happens."

Out by scorching Roth — starting
If anything is going to hurt Jim
Robinson, it's Jim Robinson — Fox labored to get its version under ved. Fox wasn't the only studio left gasping — Columbia had a Robin Hood project going too. Robinson is gleeful: "It was the ultimate chutzpah. We bucked the system. We basically bucked two

studios, and won." HE next bout, however, he lost "Freejack," the futuristic fantasy that brought Mick Jagger back to the big screen, flopped. Hollywood licked its chops over the rumored \$30-million-plus fail-

ure.
"It didn't play as well as I would have liked," Robinson says. "In fact, didn't play well at all." The movie was relatively expensive in part because 40 percent of what's on the screen is re-shoots; efforts to fix the film cost upward of \$3.5 million. Robinson admits that, But as for the rumor that he blew all the "Robin Hood" profits on "Free-

"I'm going to spend some time educating you," he fumes. "How can they say that? Does anyone know how much money I made on "Robin Hood? It's playing like hell all over the world. What am I going to make off 'Robin Hood'? An awful lot of money." Bottom line: "I could do four

"Freejacks' and still have money left over from 'Robin Hood."

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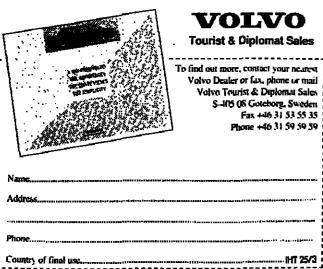


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International Herald Tribune

Française will finally take over the Theatre du Vieux-Colombier next season as the company's second theater, after the prolonged renova-tion of the historic, 350-seat Left Jacques Lassalle, administrator Prix Martin," by Eugène Labiche of the Comédie Française, said he and Emile Augier.

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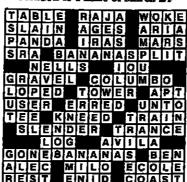
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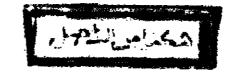
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A Plan to Change Editors Jolts an Asian Institution

By Laurence Zuckerman International Herald Tribune

ONG KONG - For years the Far Eastern Economic Review has been known as the pre-eminent publication of Asian politics and business. It is regularly cited by academics and eagerly sought out in countries where censorship of the local press makes it one of the few available sources of honest reporting.

But in more recent times, the weekly's sometimes opaque writing and permanently furrowed editorial brow have earned it a reputation outside its loyal core of readers for being more respected than actually read. Meanwhile, advertising as a whole

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and circulation in the major Asian markets have remained flat or lost ground to other English-language publications in the region.

The naming of a new editor late last week will test whether its owner. Dow Jones & Co. of the United States, can turn around the magazine's fortunes without losing its unique

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2.00 222 franchise and its seasoned editorial staff. The change has already stirred controversy. Although Dow

His successor, who will take over May 1, is L. Gordon Crovitz, a member of the editorial board of The Wall Street Journal, Dow Jones's U.S. flagship newspaper, and its legal columnist.

Mr. Bowring, 49, began writing for the 46-year-old Review in 1972 and was named editor in 1988. One of his distant granduncles was an early governor of Hong Kong, and Mr. Bowring, who is British, cares deeply about the colony and Asia in general.

commentary. But he has no experience reporting or writing about Asia and, apart from a brief stint as editorial page editor of the

voiced concern that Mr. Crovitz, who is known for his trenchant, conservative editorials at the Journal, might violate the magazine's tradition of eschewing ideology.

In an address to the staff last week at his appointment, Mr. Crovitz made light of his lack of expertise in Asia and attempted to reassure the staff that wholesale changes were not in the offing. But he did say he would be looking to attract younger readers and to make the magazine more compelling to people whose native language is not English.

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Change apparently would be welcomed by the advertising community. "It's a bit of a dinosaur," said Gary Brown, executive media director at Leo Burnett in Hong Kong. "It is not very user-

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Jones executives painted the move as a routine rotation, sources at the magazine have made clear that the editor, Philip Bowring, was forced out. Mr. Bowring has been offered a position as a regular contributor to both the Review and Dow Jones's other Hong Kong-based publication, The Asian Wall Street Journal. But he has not yet decided whether he will take up the offer. "All I can say is I'm proud of what I've done and I don't think the magazine needs any major overhaul," he said in an interview.

On paper, the two men could not be more different.

R. CROVITZ, a 33-year-old American, is a former Rhodes Scholar at Oxford and has a law degree from Rhodes Scholar at Oxford and has a law degree from Yale University and a string of journalism awards for

Journal's European edition, little experience as a manager.

Many on the magazine's staff, which has coveted its independence from the corporate parent in New York, expressed consternation at the choice of an editorialist to lead the magazine and

Mr. Crovitz was traveling Tuesday and unavailable for comment, his office in New York said.

The fear here is that the Review will lose its identity as an iconoclastic publication," said a staff member who, like others, asked not to be identified.

"We are going to make changes in the Review," Mr. Crovitz told the staff. "Not all the changes will come easily. Inevitably, not everyone will agree with all the changes. But in the end we will

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Stances Harden in German Pay Dispute

By Richard E. Smith International Herald Tribune

FRANKFURT -- Germany's public-sector union told its 4 million members Tuesday to prepare for a possible strike as positions hardened in spite of growing calls for moderation by a worried government.

The union's move coincided with the release of the most recent assessment of the economy by Economics Minister Jürgen Möllemann, who said that labor could well decide whether the ailing economy rebounded this year or continued to stagnate.

Union leadership in Stuttgart, unim-pressed by recent warnings from Chancellor Helmut Kohl to temper their demands, raised the stakes on Tuesday with its strongest state-ment to date by telling members to "arm themselves for all possible contingencies in the near future."

On Monday, the talks had broken down, with employers offering wage increases of 3.5 percent and with the union demanding 9.5 percent. The union could call for a strike ballot in six weeks after a mandatory cooling-

Strikes by public-sector workers would affect public transport and many medical

Wage talks by metalworkers and bank personnel also failed to produce any break-throughs on Tuesday.

In his monthly report on the economy, Mr. Möllemann singled out unions as a key to any economic turnaround. He said that the talks could determine whether "the forces of growth again gain the upper hand in the course of this year."

Meanwhile, the Bundesbank announced that a key money-supply barometer grew at a

worrisome rate of 8.5 percent in February, far above the bank's desired ceiling of 5.5 percent. The rate, only slightly lower than the January rate of 9 percent, signaled strong underlying inflationary pressures.

The combination of a sputtering economy and uncharacteristically high inflation has left Germany struggling with a form of stagflation, while the costs of reunification look set to cause unusual strains for some time.

The resulting tensions have paved the way for rising criticism of the ruling coalition's economic program from the opposition So-

On Tuesday, Oskar Lafontaine, former can-didate for the chancellorship, accused Mr. Kohi of "deceiving voters" with promises that it would not raise taxes or cut social services in spite of the rising bill for reunification.

Chrysler's Prospects Bode Well for Eaton

By Doron P. Levin

New York Times Service DETROIT — If Robert J. Eaton had joined Chrysler Corp. just a year ago, he would have been signing up to rescue a sinking ship. But in just the last two months Chrysler's prospects suddenly seem

With \$861 million of new equity raised in February, a slew of new models about to roll into showrooms and layers of corporate fat sliced away, America's No. 3 automaker appears poised for yet another of its comebacks.

In other words, the task of Mr. Eaton, formerly the head of General Motors' European operations, is to keep several good things going at

By the time he becomes chairman and chief executive on Jan. 1, he must swiftly head off any political infighting, assemble his own team from Chrysler's cadres and reassure bankers and credit-rating agencies that the carmaker is truly on the mend.

Failing any of these tasks could be fatal, for Chrysler finally has some momentum after four years of declining profit, and a loss last year, as well as a bitter and divisive two-year power struggle as the company tried to find a successor to Lee A. lacocca. That struggle could reignite at

any moment if Mr. Eaton is unable to assert his leadership and recon"Chrysler managers have been But it remains to be seen if Iacocca thanks to John F. Smith Jr., GM's 39.9 percent of Perrier's principal will let them."

working extremely well together for the past two years, like a championship basketball team," said Ronald effort has to made to stamp out all A. Glantz, automotive analyst for the backbiting. There's still blood Dean Witter Reynolds in San Fran-in the water where Lutz is concisco. "I worry how a new star player will affect the chemistry."

Most important, Mr. Eaton must learn to manage the tragile chemistry among himself, Mr. Iacocca and Robert A. Lutz, Chrysler's president and the man passed over for Mr. Iacocca's job, who says he plans to stay at the company.

David E Davis, editor of Auto-

Lutz and Eaton can make it work. way by the time Mr. Eaton arrived,

DETROIT - The U.S. auto industry's recovery

took a detour in mid-March as sales of North-

American made cars and trucks fell 2.7 percent,

The three U.S. and seven Japanese carmakers

Car-sales data hat stock prices of the Big 3 auto-

with assembly plants in the United States sold 276,889 cars and trucks during March 11-20, com-

Car sales tumbled 6.9 percent, though light-

truck sales rose 4.7 percent. Auto dealers and

pared with 284,482 vehicles a year earlier.

makers and depressed market sentiment. Page 8,

major automakers reported Tuesday.

He added: "A real determined

cerned." Although Mr. Eaton was a highly regarded engineering executive at GM, he had relatively little experience as an operating executive deeply involved in making and selling cars day-to-day. Nor does he have deep experience in sales, mar-

keting or finance, David E. Davis, editor of Automobile magazine, said: "I think success in Europe was well under

Sales of U.S.-Made Cars Plunge

of international operations.

Under GM's European management system, Mr. Eaton worked for four years with a small staff in Zurich on strategy, separated from the operating decisions made at GM's Adam Opel headquarters in Germany and the Vanxhall Motors

have a hand in the sales and mar-keting of Chrysler's newest models. The Jeep Grand Cherokee, a full-

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(Reuters, Bloomberg)

Nestlé Clinches Deal on Perrier For \$2.7 Billion

By Roger Cohen New York Times Service

PARIS - After Europe's toughest international corporate battle in several years, the Swiss food giant Nestlé SA won control Tuesday of Source Perrier SA and so gained an important stake in the world's expanding and highly profitable mineral-water busine

The Agnelli family of Italy, which has battled Nestle over the past three months, gave up the fight as part of an accord under which the Swiss corporation, allied with Banque Indosuez, sweetened its of-fer for Perrier to 15.3 billion francs (\$2.7 billion), from 13.3 billion

holding company, Exor SA, agreed to tender Exor's 35.5 percent stake in the mineral-water company to Nestlé. At the same time, the parties agreed to open the way for the Agnellis to take majority control of Exor, whose other assets include extensive real estate in central Paris and the renowned Château Mar-

unit in Britain.

Initially, until Mr. Iacocca departs, he and Mr. Lutz will both

gaux wine business.

"It's a good deal in which there are no losers," said Reto Domeniconi. Nestlé's general director.

Analysts agreed that the accord was balanced in that it provided Nestlé with a powerful position in a fast-growing sector and the Agnellis with a substantial profit, esti-mated at more than \$200 million, as well as assets whose value seems likely to rise.

The Agnellis, who have tradi-tionally shunned such high-profile takeover battles, seemed relieved that the matter had been resolved.

"This could all have been settled in an afternoon a very long time ago," said Giovanni Agnelli, the chairman of the family's main business, Fiat SpA, "But I had partners and I believe in listening to one's partners in business."

The chief partner was the Perrier chairman, Jacques Vincent, who long opposed any settlement until recent court verdicts slashed the holdings of the Agnelli camp in Perrier and opened the way for

The transaction will make Nestlé

the world's largest mineral-water

company.
John Graham, a food industryanalyst at UBS/Phillips & Drew. estimated that water would now account for about 5 percent of the company's sales, compared with its approximately 1 percent share of Nestle's \$50.1 billion sales last

"That is an attractive development for Nestle, because the water business is growing at 8 to 10 percent a year worldwide," he said. "Moreover, profit margins are in the 15 to 20 percent range, compared with 10 percent for other food businesses.

Philippe Veron, president of Nestlé France, said one or two of the company's officers would soon begin a thorough examination of Perrier's business aimed at maximizing its potential. Among Nes-tle's aims will be the restoration of Perrier's business in the United-States, which never recovered from the sales loss stemming from the discovery of traces of benzene in the water two years ago.

Apart from its flagship brand, Perrier's mineral waters include Arrowhead and Poland Springs in the United States, Ashbourne and Buxton Spring in Britain, and Vichy and Contrexeville in France. The company has an estimated 20 percent share of the world min-

eral-water market. As part of the accord, Nestlé has agreed to sell one of Pernier's brands, Volvic, to the leading French food group BSN for about, 3.1 billion francs. This arrangement, which will leave the French water market dominated by Nestle and BSN, has yet to be approvedby the European Community's antitrust authorities.

Nestlé may also sell the Caves de Roquefort cheese business, although it has guaranteed that this will remain in French hands. Analysts believe Perrier's 56 percent stake in Roquefort may be worth as much as 700 million francs.

After the Volvic sale, and the likely disposal of Roquefort, it is estimated that Perrier will cost Nestlé about 23 times the mineral-

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Berlusconi Drops Plan To Bail Out La Cinq

PARIS - The Italian businessman Silvio Berlusconi abandoned Tuesday a rescue bid for La Cinq, the troubled French television station, accusing French authorities of sabotaging his efforts.

Mr. Berlusconi's withdrawal means the station, launched in 1985 as France's first experiment in private television, is likely to face iquidation, said a staff representative Frederic Dezert

He said the court-appointed administrator, Hubert Lafont, told a staff meeting on Tuesday that the station had funds to run only until April 3.

The French media concern Hachette SA, the channel's operator, which holds 25 percent, has refused to cover its losses. Mr. Berhisconi estimated La Cinq's liabilities at 3.6 billion francs (\$638 million).

Mr. Berlusconi, whose Reteitalia SpA also has a 25 percent stake in La Cinq, blamed his pullout in a letter to Mr. Lafont on "the particularly unfriendly attitude of the Treasury and the banks." He said he had encountered "ob-

stacles which made clear that pres-sure had been brought to bear" to prevent him from putting together rescue package.

In February, shareholders approved in principle a two-stage, 1.5 illion-franc capital increase proposed by Mr. Berlusconi, who was the co-founder of La Cinq and controls Italy's largest private televi-sion networks. But he subsequently could not find enough allies to finance the capital operation. The La Cinq staff, which has

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In a statement, he denounced what he called "government maneuvers and pressure exerted at all

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The conservative opposition pol-itician Alain Madelin demanded

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■ French Rebound Forecast France is poised for a sound, if anspectacular, economic recovery, independent economists said Tues day after news that the nation had posted its third trade surplus in five months and that consumer spending had risen.
"Exports have held up well,"

said Bernard Godement, an economist at Nomura Research Institute. "So have imports. And consumer spending on manufactured goods has been strong for two months."
Seasonally adjusted data from
the national statistics office showed that French imports totaled 103.4 billion francs in February, up 3.2

Other data showed that French consumers have been spending more on manufactured goods, especially items like televisions, video mounted a public campaign to save

Official Economist Urges

Wider Overhaul in China

BELTING — China should float its currency and open up the retail, transport, banking and insurance industries to foreigners, the

cabinet's top economist said Tuesday in the clearest explanation to

Ma Hong, research director for the State Council, was quoted by

His remarks came as Prime Minister Li Peng was quoted by the

official Xinhua news agency as urging China to "absorb what proved effective in capitalist countries." Mr. Li, known as an economic

conservative who favors strong central planning, called for stepping

Mr. Ma said changes that concentrated only on attracting foreign

investment in the manufacturing sector did not go far enough.

"Foreign-exchange rates should be adjusted so as to institute a

free-exchange system," Xinhua quoted him as saying. Senior officials have all backed calls by China's paramount leader,

Deng Xiaoping, for faster economic change during the current meeting of the National People's Congress, China's parliament. Mr.

Ma's comments provided some of the first concrete chies as to what

(Reuters, AFP)

the official press as saying the economy must be internationalized and "leftist" thinking halted.

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General Motors Corp. said car sales slipped 6.1 percent to 77,954 and light truck sales skidded 12.6

percent to 38,305 in the period. Ford Motor Co.

said car sales fell 5.4 percent to 46,573 units while

light truck sales rose 13.6 percent to 38,389. Chrys-

ler Corp. sold an estimated 41,200 cars and light

trucks in the period, down 0.5 percent from last

year, according to Ward's Automotive Reports.

In contrast, Toyota Motor Corp. said sales of

North-American built cars and trucks jumped 51.8

Chrysler only reports monthly sales figures.

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Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches
NEW YORK — Reports of sagging auto sales helped send stock prices lower Tuesday on the New York Stock Exchange in an otherwise uneventful session.

The Dow Jones industrial average, which slipped 4.25 points

N.Y. Stocks

Monday, fell 11.18 to 3,260.96. Volume was about 192 million shares, up from 157 million.

The major automakers reported car sales for the March 11-20 period that were generally below analysts' expectations and significantly below levels during the same period last year. The broader mar-

"The car reports single-handedly put enthusiasm about an economic recovery on the back burner, and simultaneously drove stock prices

lower," said Hugh Johnson, chief investment strategist at First Alba-

Shares of General Motors Corp. closed down 11/4 to 37% Ford Motor Co. slid % to 39% and Chrysler Corp. stock closed down 1/2 cents at

"The market is still waiting for stronger signs of an economic re-covery," said Jack Solomon, technical analyst at Bear Stearns & Co.

AT&T paced the Big Board actives, falling ½ to 40. Glaxo Holdings followed, rising % to 281/2. American Express was third, gaining % to 22%

Bank stocks were lower on continued concern about the debt ket sold off after investors digested problems of Olympia & York De-the reports. problems Ltd. Citicorp fell % to 16%, Chase Manhattan Corp. declined % to 24%, and Bank of New York slid 1/2 to 38.

(AP, Bloomberg, Reuters, UPI)

Dollar Little Changed As Market Turns Calm

NEW YORK -- The dollar finished mixed Tuesday in slow trading as the market awaited fresh direction from economic data. This week is starting out excru-

ciatingly dull," said John Lyman of the Bank of Tokyo. But in his view,

Foreign Exchange

U.S. economic news due Wednesday, notably durable-goods orders for February, "could shake things up a little."

The dollar ended at 1.6638 Deutsche marks, down slightly from 1.6667 on Monday. But it edged up to 133.550 year, from 133.425. The market was still waiting for an ex-

pected discount-rate cut in Japan. "The ranges continue to get a bit narrower," said Frank Pusateri of Bank of Boston, who said he believed that when a break did occur

The U.S. currency closed at

it would be on the upside.

francs, down from 5.6550. The British pound held at \$1.7195, after \$1.7190.

Earlier, in London, the dollar was becalmed as the market awaited fresh economic winds of any

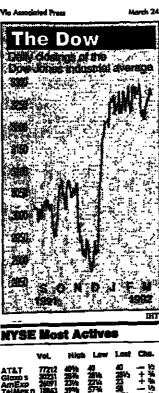
Lingering suspicions about the strength and durability of the U.S. recovery and a reassessment of German interest-rate prospects robbed the market of energy and the dollar of momentum

In late trading, the dollar stood at 1.6660 DM, compared with 1.6655 Monday, and at 133.75 yen. after 133,55.

The dollar started firmly, thanks to a drop in Tokyo stocks, warnings from Mikhail S. Gorbachev about disintegration in the Commonwealth of Independent States and fears over a radioactive leak at a Russian nuclear power station.

The dollar ended at 1.5145 Swiss

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O&Y Names Ex-Banker President

NEW YORK (Combined Dispatches) — Olympia & York Developments Ltd. on Tuesday named a former banker as president and chose three financial firms to advise it in its debt restructuring, while Canadian officials began to stitch together a rescue plan to help the commercial property company sell some of its holdings.

The government, fearing that a cash crisis at Olympia & York could send shock waves through the economy, is hoping to ease the asset sales by guaranteeing loans used to buy Olympia & York properties Such a granteeing loans used to buy Olympia & York properties. Such a guarantee would offer a degree of protection that is unusual in real estate deals.

Thomas S. Johnson, a former president of Manufacturers Hanover Trust Co., will join the company as president. J. P. Morgan & Co., Burns Fry Ltd. and James D. Wolfensohn Inc. have been hired to advise Olympia & York in the restructuring.

Chicago Casino Complex Is Proposed

CHICAGO (UPI) — Three of the biggest names in the gambling industry proposed Tuesday a \$2 billion casino complex in downtown

Chicago, promising billions of dollars in economic benefits.

Mayor Richard M. Daley said he "endorses the concept."

Circus Circus, Caesar's World Inc. and Hilton Hotels Corp. would jointly raise the financing and develop the complex, which would include the context in the context and the context in the entertainment and sports centers. The project would require changes in state law, acceptable tax provisions and cooperation of Chicago officials in real estate acquisition.

Orion Network Plans Public Offering

WASHINGTON (Reuters) — Orion Network Systems Inc., a communnications company that leads a multinational consortium formed in January, filed Tuesday with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission for the initial public offering of up to 3 million common shares. Proceeds will be used to finance the company's cash equity contribution in the \$520 million consortium, called the International Private Satellite Partnerships and Incompany as the Aslandia Partnerships Satellite Partnerships and known as the Atlantic Partnership.

Carolco Announces Fresh Financing

LOS ANGELES (Reuters) — Carolco Pictures Inc. announced Tuesday a restructuring under which it will get up to \$73.8 million in new financing.

Carolco's main foreign investors — Canal Plus SA of France, Pioneer Electronic Corp. of Japan and RCS Group of Italy — will lend the studio \$32.2 million and buy \$12.8 million in new convertible preferred stock. They also will accept deferred rawment on \$10 million in interest and They also will accept deferred payment on \$10 million in interest and dividends and fund up to \$18.8 million owed to stockholders and banks.

Microsoft to Acquire Fox Software

SEATTLE (Renters) — Microsoft Corp. plans to buy Fox Software Inc., a maker of data-base software for personal computers, in a stock swap worth about \$175 million, the companies announced Tuesday.

They said that Microsoft would exchange approximately 1.36 million shares of common stock for all of Fox's outstanding shares. Analysts said the acquisition would provide Microsoft with ready access to the \$500 million market for PC data-base software, the only significant software market in which Microsoft has no presence.

IBM Unveils 2 Notebook Computers

WHITE PLAINS, New York (Combined Dispatches) — International Business Machines Corp. on Tuesday introduced two new notebook

Both models, part of IBM's PS-2 line, are powered by Intel Corp.'s 386SX microprocessor and have color monitors

CHRYSLER: No. 3 Carmaker's Prospects Bode Well for New Chairman

(Continued from first finance page) size, four-wheel-drive, four-door wagon, which is scheduled to be introduced in April in New York, promises to provide stiff competition for the popular Ford Explorer strong, sustained pace without utility vehicle. Reviewers have costly rebates or dealer incentives. praised its handling, refinement

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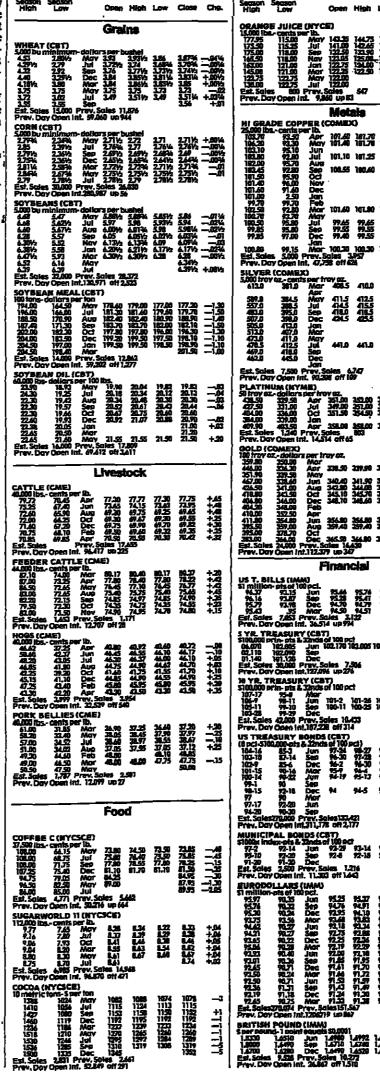
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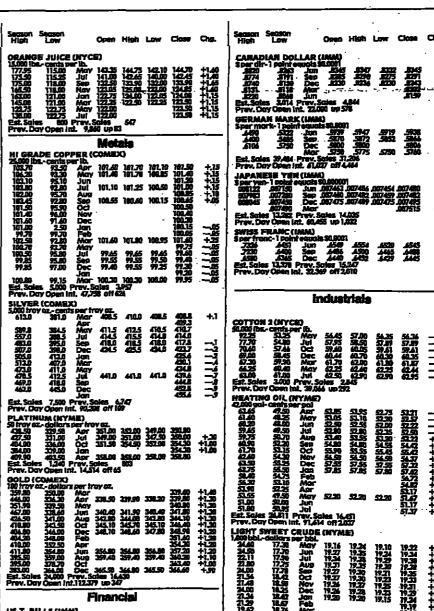
\$200 million to Renault, the French carmaker, from which it purchased American Motors Corp. in 1987. The debt is due March 31.] This year, more than \$2.7 billion

[The company announced in its of Chrysler debt matures, mostly neural report Tuesday that it from the finance subsidiary. Since the automaker cannot borrow at reasonable terms to roll over the debt, because of its low credit rating Chrysler must retire the debt with cash generated from install-

> Next year, another \$1.6 billion of Chrysler debt matures. By then, the carmaker hopes to be basking in the success of new models.

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low-income readers by offering them "gossip-and-girls" fare in a format modeled after booming and advertising jumping as much as 25 percent a year, Spanish and foreign business groups scrambled in the late 1980s to start Springer's highly successful German newspaper, Bild Zeitung. At one point, it was print-

Lacking Readers, Spanish Papers Fold

ing 600,000 copies daily, but soon only a tenth of that was being sold.

"In Germany and Britam, the working classes read," one Spanish journalist said. "But

In Germany and Britain, the working classes read. There is no tradition of popular press here.

there is no tradition of popular press here. In the past, the masses never read. Then, just as

A Spanish journalist

they were becoming literate, television came along, so they will probably never read."

Of the new general newspapers, only El Mundo has survived, with daily sales of around 140,000 thanks to its strong antigovernment stance. Founded by a group of journalists, it now has as partners the Italian newspaper Corriere della Serra, which owns

It had set out to capture a new market of 45 percent of the stock, and The Guardian of Britain, with 11 percent.

The clear victor in this press war has been El Pais, which continues to flourish as the newspaper with the largest circulation and the most influence in Spain, even though other press barons had set their sights on toppling it from its throne.

Indeed, as much as El Pais's solid circula-

tion, it was the political power enjoyed by its principal owner, Jesús de Polanco, that made the daily the envy of other Spanish business groups. "There were some immensely wealthy people who didn't feel important until they had a newspaper," one industry specialist said.

The recent newspaper failures, however, have generally not had a big impact on the finances of their backers. For example, as owner of the Anaya Group, the largest book publisher in Spain, Mr. Sanchez Ruiperez remains enormously wealthy despite his in-vestment of an estimated \$70 million in El Sol. In other cases, financial losses have been

written off as good political investments.

The demise of El Sol is nonetheless a clear signal that the shine has gone off the Spanish newspaper market. ABC, for instance, has to cut costs to compensate for the losses it suffered in Claro. Diario 16 is looking for a possible buyer. And La Vanguardia, the respected Barcelona newspaper, has recently had to take in Banesto as a partner.

Hoechst Outlook Dims On Poor Sales Growth

FRANKFURT — Hoechst AG, the chemicals and pharmaceuticals concern, said Tuesday that sales growth was minimal in the first two months of this year and that the outlook for now was poor.

The management board chairman, Wolfgang Hilger, said that group sales climbed by about 3 percent in the first two months, but that 1.5 percent to 2 percent of this was due to favorable dollar exchange rates.

"The figures available up to now for the first two months of 1992 give no indication of a turnaround in the trend," he said.

Mr. Hilger said the company's pharmacenticals business had experienced good growth in the peri-od, but that plastics and plastic films had made a weak start. Pharmaceuticals made up 20 percent of the group's sales last year.

must be no repetition of the seasonal trend of past years with a poor secoud half if we are to maintain our profit at the same level," he said.

its major markets remained stack in the first few months of this year, Hoechst expected an upturn in the

second half. Mr. Hilger forecast 1992 sales growth at 4 percent to 5 percent, saying it would depend not only on economic conditions but on ex-

Earlier in March, Hoechst reported that 199! group net income fell 20 percent to 1.36 billion Deutsche marks (\$813 million). Sales last year rose 5 percent to 47.2 billion DML

In its annual report, Hoechst said 1991 operating profit totaled 2.78 billion DM. Profit in the European Community was down to 1.74 billion DM, from 2.15 billion DM. North American profit fell to 625 million DM, from 761 million DM. Mr. Hilger declined to comment on the 1992 profit outlook for the group. But he said demand and production had slowed in both

"Following the weak start, there Germany and Japan. "Any forecast of the future trend is uncertain," Mr. Hilger said. "Most probably there will be only a gradual and relatively weak recov-In its 1991 annual report, re-leased Tuesday, Mr. Hoechst said velopment will show up last of all that although business activity in in the German market."

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Very briefly:

 Pengeot SA, the French carmaker, has lodged a new appeal against a 1985 EC ruling that allows car sales at cheaper prices across the Community's internal borders in order to bypass dealer networks, a European Court of Justice official said.

• ABB Asea Brown Boveri is to deliver 33 locomotives to India in a contract worth \$220 million; they will be partly assembled in India. Czechoslovak State Bank said it was lowering its discount rate from 9.5 percent to 9.0 percent starting Wednesday.

 ASLK-CGER, the Belgian state-owned banking and insurance group said its 1991 consolidated net profit fell 38.3 percent, to 1.84 billion francs (\$53.6 million), reflecting a goodwill charge from its takeover last year of the Belgian insurance unit of Eagle Star Holdings of Britain.

 Fried. Krupp GmbH said it had been turned into a joint stock company to pave the way for a planned merger with its rival, Hoesch AG, in July. Conthorne hotel group, a wholly owned unit of Ireland's Aer Lingus airline, said it expected to grow from 13 hotels to 30 by 1995.

 Sahena SA, the Belgian national airline now facing financial problems. canceled an order for five Boeing 737-500s, but the Czechoslovak national airline, CSA, has agreed to buy the planes.

AFP. Reuters. AP

REVIEW: Planned Change of Editors Jolts Magazine

(Continued from first finance page) friendly, but it does attract a strong readership. It needs to bring itself into the '80s, let alone the '90s."

1991, according to the Rome report, an industry tally of advertising pages, the magazine's revenues had declined to \$12.7 million. Over the not say whether the magazine was water company's projected 1992. readership. It needs to bring itself into the '80s, let alone the '90s."

By Alan Riding

MADRID - With the Spanish economy

up newspapers, unconcerned that Spaniards

Now, with an economic slowdown harting

have never been avid newspaper readers.

advertising, the tide has turned. Last week

after less than two years on the stands, El Sol became the third Spanish newspaper to close

in eight months, and several others are des-

The owner of El Sol, the media business-

men German Sanchez Ruiperez, announced the closing after negotiations to find fresh

capital fell through, although the daily's

soon-to-be-jobless journalists have pledged to put out a thin issue without ads until their

Without a large circulation, El Sol and, a few months earlier, El Independiente failed

because they could not compete for shrinking

advertising revenue. And their wealthy backers tired of footing the bill.

A more striking failure is that of Claro, a sensationalistic tabloid founded last year by a

joint venture of the Springer group of Germany and Prensa Española of Spain, which owns the conservative daily ABC. Claro closed after just three months, with a reported loss of around \$130 million.

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perately seeking partners to keep going.

New York Times Service

Under Dow Jones, that change, and increased earnings, have been slow in coming, though the maga-zine has recently added color and adopted a more attractive layout. The company first acquired 40

percent of the magazine for \$500,000 in 1973. It later increased its stake to 49 percent in 1975, and then purchased the remaining 51 percent from News Corp. for \$25.1 million in 1987. In 1987, advertising revenues

were about \$13 million a year and the magazine made a net profit of "well over a million dollars," according to an industry source. In

> TO OUR READERS GERMANY It's never been

Asiaweek, the Economist, Time, and Newsweck registered significant gains in the region. have suggested that Mr. Bowring's ouster might pave the way for the gains in the region. 1987 was due to the magazine's troubles in Singapore, where it lost 10,000 of its then 60,000 total circuresult of a disagreement with the Singapore government. After Singapore officials issued a gazette reducing the Review's circulation to She defended Mr. Crovitz's creducing the Review's circulation to

pend all circulation there. Soon after, a source at the magazine said, a major disagreement on the Review's business side led to the departure of several long-time employees, and advertising sales

300, the magazine decided to sus-

Since then, Dow Jones has magazine's performance has been zine. improving. Overall andited circulacirculation in Asia is 35,000, down from a 1987 high of 41,000.

same period, the magazine's market making a profit.

shares in circulation and advertising The Review would no doubt declined, while competitors such as boost its fortunes if it could reenter that market. Some observers

Part of the steep decline after weekly's return to Singapore.

987 was due to the magazine's But Karen Elliott House, vice president, international for Dow 10,000 of its then 60,000 total circulation at the end of the year as a gestion. "It's not a part of our cal-

> dentials, saying, "In the best Dow ing company IFI, described the Jones tradition, we believe that if BSN presence in the offer for Exor you take a smart, interested person as "symbolic of the restoration of they can do anything well. And Gorour excellent relations with BSN." don has enormous intelligence and great journalistic integrity."

continued to slide after a respite in the staff are considering the possibility of a management buyout or searching for investors to make an BSN saw as a threat. brought in a new publisher and the offer to Dow Jones for the maga-

Ms. House said Dow Jones was tion is currently about 72,000, but not interested in selling the Review rculation in Asia is 35,000, down and denied that the company was om a 1987 high of 41,000.

"We're at a very good point, but ers," she said. "We're owners."

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water company's projected 1992 earnings. Michael Oertli of UBS/-Phillips & Drew described this price as "not particularly expensive for such a unique asset."

Under the deal, the Agnellis agreed to raise their offer for the remaining shares of Exor to 1.450 francs a share, from their original offer of 1,320 francs. They were joined in this improved offer by BSN, which, under a complex for-

said. Gianluigi Gabetti, the head of the Agnellis' main financial boldon has enormous mtelligence and reat journalistic integrity."

The Agnelli group's close relations with the leading French food company, in which it holds a 5.8

percent stake, had been soured by

its original bid for Exor, which

Jacques Riboud, chairman of BSN, acknowledged that during the fight for Perrier there had sometimes been "strong, even violent exchanges between the two sides." But he added that peace had now been restored.

P&O's Profit Falls 16.8%

LONDON — Peninsular & Oriental Steam Navigation Co. said Tuesday that its 1991 pretax profit fell 16.8 percent, but its shares rose as the results were near the top end of analysts' forecasts.

P&O also announced it was breaking up its Pall Mall Properties venture with Chelsfield Properties, which was used two years ago to launch a hostile bid for Laing Properties PLC for £441 million (\$760 million). P&O said it had agreed to buy the share and loan capital of Pall Mall. Traders were cheered by the news, after numors about the venture's debt.

The international shipping, services and construction group said pretax profit totaled £217.4 million and said it would maintain its dividend at 30.5 pence.

P&O shares gained 48.5 pence on Tuesday, to 428 pence, also partly supported by the purchase of £1.5 million of shares by its chairman, Lord Sterling, and Bruce MacPhail, the managing direc-

Halifax's 1991 Profit Edged Up 6%

LONDON — Halifax Building Society, Britain's largest mortgage lender, said Tuesday that pretax profit for the year that ended in January totaled £628 million (\$1.08 billion), up 5.9 percent from £593 million. But the recession and problems faced by people struggling to repay money borrowed during the boom years of the late 1980s meant that net

lending fell by 26 percent, to £3.9 billion.

Halifax added £229 million to its provisions for bad debts during the

year, bringing total loss provisions to £322 million. The society, a mutual organization owned by its depositors and borrowers, said the housing market looked set for a fragile recovery after what was perhaps the worst year since 1945.

Invergordon's Earnings Up 42%

LONDON — Invergordon Distillers Group PLC, the Scotch whisky maker, said Tuesday that 1992 trading had started well after a 41.9 percent increase in 1991 profit to £32.2 million (\$55.4 million), compared with £22.7 million a year earlier.

Compared with £22.1 million a year earner.

The company, which defeated a hostile takeover bid last fall by its rival, Whyte & Mackay Group, said it expected volume to continue to grow. Whyte & Mackay, which is owned by American Brands Inc., still holds 41.3 percent of Invergordon.

Invergordon, whose brands include Invergordon Single Grain, Chuny and Original Mackinlay, took a £4.2 million extraordinary in its 1801 accounts for the case of defeated accounts the high

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"I see one of them with the Chicago Bulls, one of them with the Los Angeles Lakers," LeForce said. "I see about two or three lottery picks. I think in four or five years, we'll look and we'll say, 'Gosh, we played a good basket-ball team,' because they're all going to be in the

Then he said, "I wouldn't be surprised if they go to the Final Four" of this year's National Collegiate Athletic Association basketball tour-

Led by that precocious quintet, known as the Fab Five, Michigan is not only playing well and with pizzazz, it is playing with confidence and purpose. It is forcing people to consider what would seem impossible for a team whose pillars

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play for the first time.

But if karma counts for anything, Michigan has much in its favor as it prepares for a Southeast Region semifinal Friday in Lexington. Kentucky, against a hard-defending Oklahoma State team that starts four seniors and

Michigan's run to the 1989 national championship was not supposed to happen either. That team had a rookie coach, Steve Fisher, the Michigan man who the athletic director at the time, Bo Schembechler, put in charge when Bill Frieder accepted an offer from Arizona State just before the tournament began. That team egan with first- and second-round games in Atlanta. And it played its regional semifinal and final games in Lexington. That team also played the semifinals in a domed stadium, Seattle's Kingdome, just as this team would in the

know what I'm getting into now. At that time, I didn't -- and maybe that was good. Maybe I was just dumb enough to allow Glen Rice to lead us to a national championship. Maybe I'll be dumb enough to let Webber and Howard take us down to Lexington for some success."

Webber and Howard have the 6-foot, 9-inch, 240-pound (2.06-meter and 109-kilogram) bodies that make it hard to remember that they have just turned 19. And Webber's exploits on the court make it easy to ask: Could this guy play in the National Basketball Association right now?

He averaged 9.8 rebounds in Big Ten games, making him the first freshman to lead the conference in that category. He also averaged 1.94 steals, making him the first frontcourt player to lead the conference in that category. addition, he scores 15.4 points per game,

Fisher insists that it is "an altogether different feeling" this time. But then he adds: "I blocks 2.5 shots and carries an attitude that metallic forces. Rose's coach at Detroit's South metallic forces. School, where he compiled a 30 coach at Detroit's South from outside forces.

The pressure we put on ourselves — the pressure Juwan puts on me and Jimmy and Jalen and Ray put on me to play well — that's the only pressure we feel," Webber said. "But we have higher expectations than anybody real-

The Fab Five arrived in a far from coincidental sequence that was welcome news to Fisher after a 1990-91 season that ended with a 13-14 record and a loss in the first round of the National Invitation Tournament.

First came Howard, who had visited Michigan with King. King was next. Then came Jackson. The coup was completed with Webber, who had nearly committed to Michigan State and made a late visit to Duke, and Rose, a longtime friend of Webber's.

Another important part of the puzzle was Fisher's hiring of Perry Watson as an assistant.

School, where he compiled a 302-34 record in 13 years, Watson served as a bridge between the

other coaches and the freshmen.
"They're special," Watson said. "They're special in terms of their talent, but also in terms of their receptiveness to coaching. Some people are talented and they turn off coaching, which stunts their growth. But Jalen and Chris, we go so far back that I think they impacted on the

other three to trust in the coaches The next problem was getting the freshmen to mesh with Michigan's returning players, four of whom started last season. When Fisher began starting the five freshmen in early February, there was some friction. But as the Wolverines built a 9-2 record in games started by the Fab Five, that has dissipated.

"They've done a great job of expanding the

circle that initially was built just for them, and they brought 15 people in it," Fisher said. Last year's starters "would like to be getting more minutes, but they're happy to be in the round of

And Howard blithely said he saw no reason for nervousness to get in the way of further advancement. "In high school, we've been through ... the same thing," he told a large group of reporters. "It's only that there are more of you now."

Michigan also has been through a lot recently from an impressive, nationally televised 88-85 overtime loss to Duke in December to a disappointing 96-78 loss at Wisconsin in February. But the game that seemed to be the turning oint was a 77-66 loss at Ohio State on March The Wolverines led for most of the game and

when three turnovers in 33 seconds helped Ohio State score six game-turning points.

"That was when we made the realization about the toughness you have to have," Webber said.
They have not lost since.

vere ahead with about five minutes to play

"I knew these kids were capable," Watson-said. "It was just when. Was it going to be this year, next year or the following year? But I started seeing little signs and I said, 'Hey, it

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6-10 Year Term Sought for Tyson

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) - The state will ask that Mike Tyson be sentenced to six to 10 years in prison and pay the maximum \$30,000 fine

for his convictions on rape and related charges.

Marion County Prosecutor Jeffrey Modisett, in an interview published in Tuesday's editions of The Indianapolis Star, also said the prosecution would ask Marion Superior Court Judge Patricia J. Gifford to order the former heavyweight champion to pay prosecution and related costs up to

Tyson, convicted of one count of rape and two counts of criminal deviate conduct, will be sentenced by Gifford on Thursday. He could receive a maximum of 60 years in prison for the three counts.

Police Meet With 3 Mets' Lawyers

PORT ST. LUCIE, Florida (NYT) -- Members of the Port St. Lucie Police Department have met for the first time with lawyers representing the three players for the New York Mets who were named here in a rape complaint this month.

In the meeting, which lasted about an hour Monday, members of the police department outlined what they might need from the suspects to complete their investigation by the end of this week.

Among those needs, said Lieutenant Scott Bartal, might be blood samples and statements from the players. He added that David Morgan, an assistant state attorney in whose office the meeting was held, asked that the players "be ready to answer to those needs by Wednesday."

Vincent Urges San Jose: Take Giants

SAN JOSE, California (AP) — Commissioner Fay Vincent has urged San Jose voters to approve building a stadium to lure the San Francisco Giants south because "baseball is beautiful" and their present ballpark is

"The San Francisco team cannot play in Candlestick much longer," Vincent said Monday before attending a \$1,000-a-plate function for a pro-San Jose stadium group. "The fans have to be the hardiest fans in baseball. I was there last July and the people were in parkas.

"The Giants are going to play somewhere else," he said. "Candlestick is not habitable. It is not a hospitable place for baseball." the state of

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Osvaldo Bagnoli, coach of UEFA Cup semifinalist Genoa, will quit and move to Internazionale at the end of the Italian soccer season to be closer to his family in Verona, the club said Tuesday.

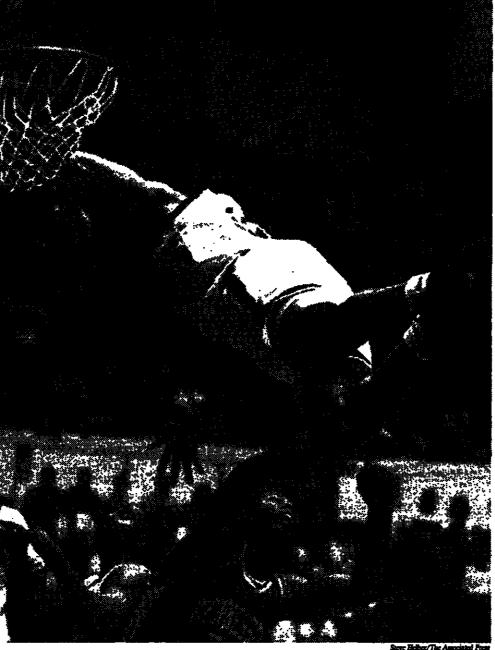
Kim Yong Kang of South Korea retained his WBA flyweight title.

Tuesday by knocking out Filipino challenger Jonathan Penalosa in the sixth round in Scoul.

(AP)

Hakeem Olajuwon has been suspended indefinitely by the Houston a doctor cleared him to play. Olajuwon's agent said he planned to file a grievance against the Rockets after further talks with the NBA Players

Ron Lapointe, the former coach of the NHL Quebec Nordiques, died Monday after a four-year battle with cancer. He was 42. (AP)



Virginia's Bryant Stith got by Tennessee's Carlus Groves, but missed the lay-up and hurt his shoulder.

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An Easy Lay-Up Puts Manhattan in NIT Quarterfinals

The Associated Press Manhattan has gotten to the quarterfinals of the National Invitation Tournament the simple way. Chris Williams dribbled the length of the court for a lay-up at

the buzzer that beat Rutgers, 62-61, Monday night in a second-round game in Piscataway, New Jersey. Rutgers hurt itself by missing of 10 free throws in the final 2:40.

Purdue 67, Texas Christian 51: Craig Riley scored 12 of his 18 points as Purdue broke open the game in the second half by making free throws against the foul-plagued Horned Frogs in West La-fayette, Indiana.

Notre Dame 64, Kansas State 47: Daimon Sweet scored 16 points for the Irish, who won when Kansas State was unable to recover after shooting 26 percent from the field in the first half in South Bend, Indiana. Virginia 77, Tennessee 52: Bry

ant Stith scored 19 points and Virginia's man-to-man defense limited Tennessee to a season-low 32 percent shooting in Charlottesville,

Florida 77, Pitt 74: Florida's Craig Brown scored 17 points, four on free throws in the final minute, in Pittsburgh.

New Mexico 79, Washington State 71: Steve Logan got the tying and go-ahead baskets and New Mexico survived 10 3-pointers by Washington State, which got a 20 points and six 3-pointers from Terrence Lewis in Albuquerque, New

WORCESTER, Massachusetts

Probation Allowed the Home-Grown Talent to Thrive

Kentucky's Life After Scandal

In that first season, the airfreight packages would be scaled onto the court by opposing fans, a graphic reminder that Kentucky ras on major probation.

Monopoly money, phony mon-" John Pelphrey recalled. "You to have a sense of humor about

By George Vecsey
New York Times Service

The taunts hurt everybody at Kentucky, especially Pelphrey, Ri-chie Farmer and Daren Feldhaus, three freshmen from rural Kentucky who had been persuaded to come to the school to play or sit on the bench, but not to be ridiculed. That was three seasons ago, and Kentucky is on its way back from

Allowed into the national tournament for the first time in four years, the Wildcats advanced to the regionals by outrunning and out-gunning lowa State, 106-98, on Sunday.

By winning the Wildcats extended the 39-year broadcasting career of Cawood Ledford for at least another game. All over the Commonwealth of Kentucky, life tends to slow down considerably while the Wildcats are playing and

Ledford is barking into the mike.
"There are two kinds of fans," says Rick Pitino, the New Yorker who is still bemused at the frenzy for the sport he coaches. There are high-school coach, Allen Feldhaus, fans like Knicks fans, who have other interests, maybe the theater, maybe books, restaurants. And there are Rangers and Providence fans, who care about nothing else. Oh, sure, God and family and that

What kind of fans are Kentucky fans? Pitino smiled and said, "Like

Rangers and Providence fans." The call of the Wildcats is so great that all-state players are pressured into enrolling at Kentucky even if they have no realistic chance

of playing.
They become the Kentucky version of the vestal virgins of more primitive societies, raised to be sacrificed for the communal good. With eyes wide open and filled with realistic zeal, Farmer, Pelph-

rey and Feldhans came to Kentucky just in time to play on the worst Kentucky team in the modern era: 13 victories, 19 losses. The school was already banned

from postseason play because of recruiting violations, the most pub-licized of which was an air-freight envelope that had apparently come

Bryant's Captain Linked to Betting

United Press Internation SMITHFIFLD, Rhode Island -The leading scorer and captain of Bryant College's basketball team this season has been arrested on gambling and bookmaking charges. Christopher J. Simmons of Wall, New Jersey, a senior, was arraigned Monday in Providence District Court and released on personal re-

His arrest stems from the alleged involvement of Bryant basketball players in a sports gambling ring that took bets at Bryant, the Uni-versity of Rhode Island and several other campuses across the country. Bryant officials said seven team

members of Bryant's Division II basketball team have now been linked to the probe.

An affidavit filed in court Monday said Simmons admitted passing out and collecting money on about 200 football cards a week State police would not say if he bet on college basketball games, but said there was no evidence he was involved in point shaving.

apart in an airport, with bills fluttering out, presumably sent by a Kennicky assistant to the father of

There were other disgraces, and the most enduring basketball pro-gram in the country began coming Teams would come in thinking, This is the one chance to beat Ken-

tucky," Pelphrey said with dis-Pelphrey, rail thin with pointy ears extruding below a reddish crewcut, looking like Wildcat players from 50 years ago, hails from the town of Paintsville in eastern

Kentucky, not too far from Butcher Holler, home of Loretta Lynn. In 1987, he had been named Mr. Basketball, the ultimate honor for a Kentucky high-school player. The next year, Richie Farmer,

from the gritty coal town of Manchester in eastern Kentucky, was named Mr. Basketball, When he was young, he had made the pilgrimage north to Lexington whenever somebody came up with Wildcat tickets.

"Going to Kentucky was a dream of mine," Farmer said. "I felt I could play at this level, but had it turned out otherwise, that would have been all right."

Daren Feldhaus, from Maysville in Mason County, had ties to Wildcat basketball. His father and his had played for Adolph Rupp from 1960 to 1962.

These three freshmen had no

sense of humor about losing, but something good came out of it for these three Kentucky boys, after Eddie Sutton left. In Sutton's place came Rick Piting, a man known as "the Knicks"

coach," entrusted with rebuilding Wildcat basketball, "These three kids had been led to believe they could not play at Kentucky," Primo recalled. "Their self-

esteem was as low as I've ever seen.

"When I said we were going to press for 94 feet, they didn't think they could do it. That wasn't their style. To be honest, if it hadn't been Kentucky, I don't think they would have stayed. But they didn't want to be part of the memory of the Scarlet P on their chest, you know, Probation. The bad thing was, these kids were not responsible for

it. They didn't get a cup of coffee out of it. These three Kentucky boys do not concede they would not have been regulars at Kentucky, but they admit they got more of a chance when the blue-chip recruits

began scattering.
The three Kentucky boys worked with Rock Oliver, the strength coach. They ran the track. They took the places on the court that out-of-state players would have held. And they valued those places because they had grown up listening to tales of Groza and Beard, Adolph Rupp and Joe B.

"With these guys, you'd say,
'Run through a brick wall,' and
they would say, 'How many times
do we have, Coach?' "said Pitton who then added an observation from his Big East and professional experience: "With somebody like Derrick Coleman, it's, Well, may-

be I'll walk around it awhile." Pitino used the blood loyalty of the Kentucky boys as the mortar of his new program, bringing in talent like Jamal Mashburn from New York. His teams were 14-14 and 22-6 in the last two years of probation. This year the Wildcats are 28-6.

and rupping. On Sunday the three Kentuckians had 45 of the Wildcats' points. And maybe they would have settled for none of the points, if the Wildcats had won. Earlier in the week Pelphrey was asked why he turned down offers from other schools. He replied, "Where else is there to

In Kentucky, they mean it.

Injuries May Hurt England In Final of Cricket's Cup

MELBOURNE — England faced mounting injury worries as it repared to play Pakistan in cricker's World Cup final Wednesday at the Melbourne Cricket Ground.

England's captain Graham Gooch, said he expected to put his best team on the field, but injuries to a number of players, including hardhitting batsman Robin Smith, all-rounders Derek Pringle and Ian Botham and paceman Phil DeFreitas, caused concern Tuesday. Smith pinched a nerve in his back while warming up for the semifinal against South Africa, but said that "I rate myself as having a good chance."

"I'm not going to field at practice today and do anything silly, because there is no way I would miss out on this," he added. Pringle (ribs) and Smith (back) will be at less than full strength even if they do start, while DeFreitas (hamstring) and Botham (groin) are still hobbling. Captain Imran Khan is the only player causing concern for Pakistan. But despite playing throughout the tournament with a shoulder injury, he has bowled steadily if without sting and is a

certain starter. Both teams feature in-form batting line-ups. In the semifinals, Pakistan was impressive against New Zealand and England scored at

a five-an-over rate against South Africa. Javed Miandad, Aamir Sohail and Rameez Raja of Pakistan have all cleared 300 runs in the tournament. England's highest scorer has been Alec Stewart, with 252, but six of his teammates have scored more than 180, compared to only four Pakistanis.

Inzamam-UI-Haq's brilliant 60 from only 37 deliveries against New Zealand was typical of the flamboyance and aggression of the "I'm more confident than at any stage of the competition," Imran said Tuesday. "Ours is unpredictable talent and any one of our

players can get going and play a match-winning innings.

'No one expected Inzamam to play the innings which he did and we have players with similar talent. Salim Malik is known to have won matches by himself, while Javed Miandad is always dependable. "England is a very good all-round team with a lot of experience in

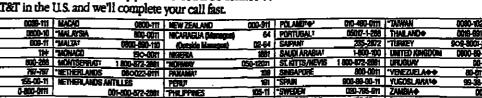
one-day cricket, but our team is not under as much pressure and we

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The Decline of Scandal

By Russell Baker

NEW YORK — I can't decide tions among the royals. Texans! Which line to take toward England's scandalous royals. The newsman in me clamors for shricks of "Shame!" and "Civilization is finished!" And why not? Exclama-

tion marks sell newspapers. The interior historian, however, counsels a tone of amused con-

tempt:
"What? These dull youngsters
would have us believe their paltry peccadillos deserve the name of andal? Check out Henry VIII, kiddies, as well as Charles II, George IV and Edward VII, and get to know what scandal is."

The inner philosopher reminds me that both views are supportable. Compared with old Henry's barbaric treatment of spouse after spouse, young Andy's tiffs with Fergie seem blander than the Weather Channel. Yet they also speak of civilization's collapse.

When Edward VII was dying, his wife, Queen Alexandra, summoned his mistress, Mrs. Keppel, to his bedside. Here was civilization at its peak, managing all the materials of great scandal with exquisite skill, delicacy and taste.

The time was 1910. Royals knew how to do things right in those days. Nothing demonstrates this better than that the woman summoned to comfort the dying king was not "Keppel" lent dignity not only to an occasion that called for it, but also to the kind of relationship that is, for better or for worse, very common among human beings and often enriching and sustaining.

Diminishing the Duchess of York to "Fergie" speaks of how far we have descended from the elegance of 1910. Earlier, Prince Andrew, now Duke of York, had been reduced to "Randy Andy" by a press eager to pronounce him, with

a bawdy wink, a slave to passion. In a world this squalid it was inevitable that Princess Diana, named for the goddess of the moon, queen and huntress chaste and fair, would be busted down to "Princess Di." Often just "Di." Sounds like a line from an Arnold

Schwarzenegger movie.
In such a world it was inevitable that millionaire Texans would soon be popping up in headlines that whispered in screaming exclama-

are you aware of the mutterable contempt that floods the soul of the typical proper Englishman when he thinks of Texans? It's not bad enough that the average Texan is richer than the entire British government; no, he also speaks in a

loud, braying Texas accent. In Henry James's time, which was also Mrs. Keppel's time, American millionaires also crossed the Atlantic to be viewed with contempt because they were "in trade," but Texas and the possibili-ty that anyone might be "in cattle" were still undreamed of.

How different now from then. Note that the residence of Fergie and Andy is now jokingly called "South York" in mocking allusion to "Dallas," the old soap opera about rich Texas vulgarians domi-ciled in a house called "South

Not being on a steady diet of royal news, I don't know what the Prince of Wales is now reduced to. Could it be "Chazz"? "Buck" per-haps? Of course, "Chuck" would be a tabloid editor's dream of paradise, paving the way for headlines like "Di Chucks Chuck." Or, if it happened while the prince was playing polo: "Chuck's Chukka

See how far we have fallen from that moment in 1910 when the queen said, "Let Mrs. Keppel be summoned"? If it is not apparent, try to imagine that Mrs. Keppel had been reduced to "Keppie." Now try to imagine the queen trying to say, "Let Keppie be . . ."
Just isn't 1910, is it? If she had been "Keppie" her every move would have been policed by paparazzi. TV crews and microphy bearing mobs shouting how-does-

it-feel questions. "How does it feel when the queen calls, Keppie?" "How does it feel when a lover dies?" "How does it feel being kissed by a king?" "By a dying king?" "By a king with a beard?"

I think I'll settle for the mournful view of the current business, be-cause a royal scandal should have a touch of class, and this is no longer

Farewell, Mrs. Keppel, wherever

New York Times Service

Some Russian Writers Miss Bad Old Days

By Celestine Bohlen

New York Times Service

M OSCOW — Back in the old days, when the Soviet government was still propping up an official cultural establishment, Lev Novogrudsky used to spend these months a year in various retreats that three months a year in various retreats that belonged to the Union of Soviet Writers. In these places, called Houses of Cre-

ativity, in the foothills of the Caucasus, on the Baltic beaches, or along the Crimean coast, he wrote plays for children, far from the annoying realities of Soviet life, living out a writer's dream by courtesy of Litfund, the union's literary aid society. "I spent one third of my life in those places," Novogrudsky said. "I had my own room. No one bothered me. I didn't have the responsibilities that consume most people — all in comfortable sur-roundings, in the company of other writ-ers. It made life beautiful."

Those days are gone for Novogrudsky and many others like him. The Union of Soviet Writers, now the Commonwealth of Writers' Unions, is in disarray. Litfund is on the verge of bankruptcy. The old privileges — such as three-month witting holi-days that cost less than one month's pen-sion — have suddenly become unaffordable luxuries for writers, like Novogradsky, who are now struggling to live in the new reality

of a market economy.

Stunned by the reversal of his fortunes brought on by Russia's brisk turn toward. capitalism, Novogrudsky has gone into hibernation, as he calls it. While prices have soared with the Russian government's move toward a market economy in early January, he still lives on a 600-rublea-month pension, and what he refers to as the pennies from his 20-odd plays now

running in provincial theaters.

Payments by state publishing houses, which still dominate the market, have remained at 400 rubles for 24 typewriten pages. Private publishers are able to pay more, but many writers say they are locked out by the market's enthusiasm for works with commercial appeal like detective stories, science fiction, and sex manuals.

For a play, generally the orphan of the literary scene, most authors get about 5,000 rubles if it is produced. That is about \$55 at the current bank exchange rate, or the cost of a cheap ski jacket in Moscow's bustling street markets. "Times have never been as difficult for writers as they are now," said Novogrudsky.

His lament is heard across the literary spectrum these days. State publishing houses, shorn of their state subsidies, have had to slash their lists; some are on the verge of bankruptcy. Most private publishers, which prospered during the early post-glasnost boom, are now also in trou-



With contracts from foreign publishers

and Russia's hastling newcomers, some Russian writers have managed to maintain old standards, keeping dachas given them by Litfund in prestigious suburbs of Mos-

There are a few hopeful voices, At Text,

are really moving toward a market, then culture, too, will benefit. What we have

ble, locked in heavy competition for a shrinking market.

Both Russia's PEN-Center and the literary group April, a liberal offshoot of the Writers' Union, have issued impassioned appeals to President Boris N. Yeltsin, calling for the government to step in and help save Russian literature and culture from

death by free market.

In a statement signed by a galaxy of Russian writers, from Vasili Aksyonov to Andrei Voznesensky, they complained that the high prices brought about by the Russian government's economic reforms were not only killing literary magazines and publishing houses but also pushing writers into poverty, and Russian culture

to the edge of roun.

April, at a meeting last week, called for continued state subsidies. "The market threatens to become the grave of culture," April said in its statement. "Privatization of culture is above all privatization of the

Some writers and editors feel particularly bitter about what they perceive as the Yelt-sin government's indifference to the fate of Russian culture. "We brought Yeltsin to power," said Alexander E. Rekernchuk, president of the two-year-old publishing concern PIC, which has published books by

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Yeltsin, Mayor Gavrill K. Popov of Mos-cow, and other politicians now in power. young people in the restaurant, but no writers. And the bill for two, without any drinks, came to 125 rubles." There is a Now we are going into opposition."

Most of the 10,000 members of the old writers' menu for 15 rubles, but it is available only two hours out of the day.

Writers' Union lived relatively well in the old system. Littund can the Houses of Creativity, and distributed dachas, or summer homes, as well as apartments in Moscow. There was also a Littund clinic and kindergarten, both considered top-class, a restaurant that had a good and ample menu at reasonable prices, and trips abroad for a few politically reliable writers. When writers fell on hard times, Litfund was able to make loans.

Now, Litfund's directors say the fund is virtually broke. Private publishers are not contributing, and even state publishing houses have been slow in coming up with their share. Subsidized foreign trips have been canceled, after a furor set off by one taken recently at the union's expense by the poet Yevgeni Yevtushenko, one of the few who often traveled abroad during the restrictive Soviet era. Family members now have to pay to visit the union clinic, while the restaurant is filled with foreigners and Moscow's budding entrepreneurs. "I went the other day, and the coatroom

was full of fur coats and leather jackets,"

Novogrudsky said. "There were a lot of now is a temporary situation."

cow like Peredelkino. Foreigners or foreign organizations have paid for travel abroad by some writers, trips that are far too expensive for the average writer without such contacts. Yet in general, even the Russian elite today is having a hard time maintaining old harmies, given the rate of inflation.

> a private publishing house, Vitali T. Ba-benko is too busy working to lament the passing of the trappings of the old regime. "It is difficult for everyone now, so why should it be any different for writers," he said. "Life is difficult for doctors, teachers, and, yes, writers. But there is no blow to literature or culture. Real writers are writing, and they don't feel any blows. If we

PEOPLE

Springsteen and Sony **Cautiously Test Market**

Maybe Sony Corp. doesn't trust. anyone under 42. Hedging its bets on whether Bruce Springsteen will appeal to an audience younger than himself, it is reportedly shipping only a limited number of copies of his two new albums, "Human Touch" and "Lucky Town," sched-uled for release March 30. "They're going to put out a million of each so that there's no oversaturation. They would like to avoid the perception that the records are not selling," said one industry source.

What do Natalie Cole, Mickey Mantle, Secretary of State James Baker 3d, General H. Norman Schwarzkopf and Connie Chang have in common? They are all nominees for the 1992 Ellis Island. Medals of Honor. "These outstanding Americans represent the ethnic diversity of our nation and exemplify the hard work, love and values that have made it special," William Fugazy, chairman of the National Etimic Coalition of Orga-nizations, said. Other nominees inmzanons, san. Omer nomines in clude: Phil Donahae, Keith Carradine, Gay Talese, Arnold Schwarzenegger, Olympia Dukakis and Elie Wiesel.

Magic Johnson's wife says she never considered leaving him after he learned he is infected with the AIDS virus. "We've been together off and on for 14 years and the love that we've built up over that time period is what I hold onto. To stay, by him was not a hard thing to do,": Barleatha Johnson told Ebony magazine in her first interview since the basketball superstar retired Nov. 7. Mrs. Johnson is six months pregnant. She said she has twice tested negative for the AIDS

Dick Gregory, the comedian turned diet guru, spent six hours in jail in St. Louis after a grocery clerk accused him of stealing a \$10 jar of bee-pollen capsules. Police said the clerk reconsidered his identification of Gregory as a shoplifter after Gregory, 59, asked him. "Do you know who I am?" But even after being told he was free to go, police said, Gregory continued to berate them. "We had no choice but to arrest him," Lieutenaut Russell Smith said. Gregory said the police cursed him first. He was given a summons for disturbing the peace.

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